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France's President Francois Hollande, second left, and German President Joachim Gauck, second right, pay respect during a ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, at the National Monument of Hartmannswillerkopf, in Wattwiller, eastern France, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014. On this day 100-years ago, in 1914, Germany declared war on France, at the beginning of the first global war, which centered on Europe and resulted in over nine million combatants being killed. (AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

French President Marks World War I Centenary

THOMAS ADAMSON
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PARIS (AP) — French President Francois Hollande commemorated the 100th anniversary of World War I on Sunday with an appeal to players on both sides of the Gaza conflict to put animosities aside — just as France and Germany have done. In an impassioned speech

in Vieil Armand in Alsace, Hollande paid homage to those who lost their lives after Germany declared war on France on Aug. 3, 1914. But he recalled that former enemies France and Germany put aside their differences to pave the way for peace — and that others do the same. "The history of France and Germany shows that will

can always triumph over fatalism and the people who were regarded as hereditary enemies can, in a few years, reconcile," he said. He called on the global community to take the lasting nature of Franco-German relations as a lesson in peacemaking. He said world powers should seek to impose a

cease-fire in Gaza, "to stop the suffering of the civilian population." German President Joachim Gauck joined the French leader for the ceremony—the first time Germany's head of state has attended. Soldiers bitterly contested Vieil Armand — known in German as Hartmannswillerkopf — because the sum-

mit offered a commanding view of the Rhine Valley. Armies at the time deemed its capture as strategically important and some 30,000 died in fighting. The cemetery contains the remains of 12,000 unidentified soldiers. Hollande also put in place a foundation stone for a museum on the site that will open in 2017. □

Israel pulls significant amount of troops from Gaza

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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— The Israeli military says it will hold fire for seven hours in parts of the Gaza Strip beginning at 10 a.m. (0700 GMT).

The military says Monday's "humanitarian window" does not apply to areas where troops are still operating.

Israel withdrew most of its ground troops from the Gaza Strip on Sunday in an apparent winding down of the nearly monthlong operation against Hamas. But fighting continued in parts of Gaza.

The military said it would respond to any attacks during that time.

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Even as Israel said it was close to completing its mission, heavy fighting raged in parts of Gaza, with at least 10 people killed in what U.N. and Palestinian officials said was an Israeli airstrike near a U.N. shelter. The United States lashed out at Israel, saying it was "appalled" by the "dis-

graceful" attack.

And with Hamas officials vowing to continue their fight, it remained uncertain whether Israel could unilaterally end the war.

Israel launched its military operation in Gaza on July 8 in response to weeks of

3,000 rockets into Israel during what has turned into the bloodiest round of fighting ever between the two enemies.

Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, an Israeli military spokesman, confirmed the bulk of ground troops had been

"We've caused substantial damage to this network to an extent where we've basically taken this huge threat and made it minimal," he said. The army had thousands of troops in Gaza at the height of the operation.

Department condemned the strike in unusually strong language.

According to witnesses, Israeli strikes hit just outside the main gates of the school. The Red Crescent, a charity, said the attack occurred while people were in line to get food from aid workers. Gaza health official Ashraf al-Kidra said in addition to the dead, 35 people were wounded.

Robert Turner, director of operations for the U.N. Palestinian refugee agency in Gaza, said the building had been providing shelter for some 3,000 people. He said the strike killed at least one U.N. staffer.

"The locations of all these installations have been passed to the Israeli military multiple times," Turner said. "They know where these shelters are. How this continues to happen, I have no idea."

Inside the U.N. school's compound, several bodies, among them children, were strewn across the ground in puddles of blood. "Our trust and our fate are only in the hands of God!" one woman cried.

The Israeli military said it had targeted three wanted militants on a motorcycle in the vicinity and was "reviewing the consequences of this strike."

In the current round of fighting, U.N. shelters have been struck by fire seven times. UNRWA, the U.N. agency that assists Palestinian refugees, says Israel has been the source of fire in all instances. But it also has said it found caches of rockets in vacant UNRWA schools three times.

Israel accuses Hamas of using civilian areas for cover and says the Islamic militant group is responsible for the heavy death toll because it has been using civilians as "human shields." Israeli artillery shells slammed into two high-rise office buildings Sunday in downtown Gaza City, police and witnesses said. Al-Kidra said more than 50 Palestinians were killed, including 10 members of one family in a single strike in the southern Gaza Strip. □



The sun rises over Gaza City, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014. Israel withdrew most of its ground troops from the Gaza Strip on Sunday in an apparent winding down of the nearly monthlong operation against Hamas that has left more than 1,800 Palestinians and more than 60 Israelis dead.

(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

heavy rocket fire, carrying out hundreds of airstrikes across the crowded seaside territory. It then sent in ground forces July 17 in what it said was a mission to destroy the tunnels used by Hamas to carry out attacks.

Hamas has fired more than

pulled out of Gaza after the military concluded it had destroyed most of the tunnel network.

He said Israel had detected some 30 tunnels that were dug along the border for what he called a "synchronized attack" on Israel.

In southern Israel, armored vehicles could be seen rolling slowly onto the back of large flatbed trucks near the Gaza border, while soldiers folded flags from atop a tank and rolled up their belongings and sleeping bags.

Lerner said, however, that the operation was not over and that Israel would continue to target Hamas' rocket-firing capabilities and its ability to infiltrate Israel.

While Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to press on against Hamas, he is coming under international pressure to halt the fighting because of the heavy civilian death toll.

U.N. officials say more than three-quarters of the dead have been civilians, including the 10 people killed Sunday at a U.N. school that has been converted into a shelter in the southern town of Rafah.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called the attack a "moral outrage and a criminal act" and demanded a quick investigation, while the U.S. State

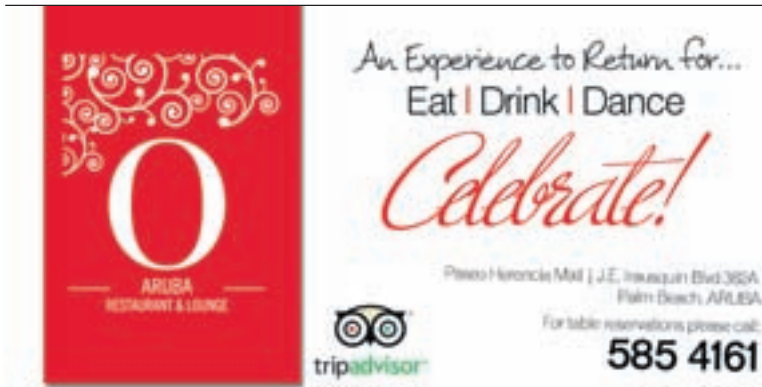
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Bertha drifts away from Turks & Caicos, Bahamas

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Associated Press

PROVIDENCIALES, Turks & Caicos Islands (AP)—Tropical Storm Bertha drifted away from the Turks & Caicos Islands and the south-eastern Bahamas on Sunday afternoon, prompting officials to discontinue all storm warnings and coastal watches.

The storm had buffeted parts of the two Caribbean archipelagos with rain and gusty winds after crossing over the Dominican Republic, where overflowing rivers from downpours led to the temporary evacuation of dozens of families.

There were no reports of damage in the drenched Turks & Caicos or the southern Bahamas, where residents reported mostly sunny weather as Bertha's center tracked over open water.

"We had some cloudiness earlier this morning. But right now it is sunshine, no breeze," said Bernard Ferguson, an employee at a resort on remote Crooked Island.

As the storm's center swirled over the Atlantic, its maximum sustained winds remained at 45 mph (75 kph), but some strengthening was expected over the next two days. Bertha was moving northwest at about 18 mph (30 kph) with tropical storm force winds extending outward up to 160 miles (260 kilometers).

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm was likely to curve to the north-northeast and move parallel to the U.S. eastern seaboard without hitting the mainland. It was also expected to steer clear of the mid-Atlantic British territory of Bermuda later in the week.

Before Bertha reached the

Turks & Caicos, residents pulled boats ashore or moored them at marinas in the tourism-dependent archipelago that has little natural protection from strong storm surges. Tourism Director Ralph Higgs said hotels were "taking the threat of the storm seriously."

On the southernmost Bahamian island of Inagua, people had been advised Saturday to make finish preparations for protecting their properties. But many islanders instead focused on completing a popular sailing regatta before the storm ruined the fun.

"We're all partying because it's homecoming regatta. Honestly, no one's focusing on the weather," said Shakeria Forbes on Inagua, one of roughly 30 inhabited islands of the sprawling Bahamas archipelago off Florida's east coast.

In the Dominican Republic, he director of the emergency operations center, Juan Manuel Mendez, said residents needed to remain alert because rain was still falling in parts of the country's east Sunday. Due to choppy, white-crested waves, officials warned tourism businesses to cancel any water activities and prohibited fishing boats from taking to the water on much of the Caribbean nation's drenched east coast. The storm passed just southwest of Puerto Rico on Saturday, dropping 3 to 5 inches (8-13 centimeters) of rain, with isolated amounts of up to 8 inches (20 centimeters).

The rainfall was welcomed by many in parched sections of the U.S. Caribbean island, where a moderate drought has withered crops. On Sunday, Alberto



A surfer enters the water to take advantage of the high waves in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Tropical Storm Bertha drifted away from Puerto Rico, the Turks & Caicos Islands and the southeastern Bahamas on Sunday afternoon, prompting officials to discontinue all storm warnings and coastal watches.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

Lazaro, director of Puerto Rico's water and sewer company, said rushing inflows to reservoirs from Bertha's rains would postpone plans to ration water

for at least a "few weeks. Authorities in Puerto Rico said nearly 29,000 households were without electricity Sunday. Most of the power outages occurred

in the central mountainous region following more than 1,200 lightning strikes that occurred in the area during afternoon hours alone. □

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Obama hosts Africa summit with an eye on legacy

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AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is gathering nearly 50 African heads of state in Washington for an unprecedented summit aimed in part at building his legacy on a continent where his commitment has been questioned.

But the backdrop for the conference that begins Monday underscores what

has been a constant challenge to that effort. Even as Obama immerses himself in talks on regional security, democracy building and business investment in Africa, the world's attention — and much of his own — will be on an extraordinary array of urgent overseas crises.

Among them: Gaza clashes, Russia's provocations in Ukraine and mounting extremism in Iraq, to name just a few. An outbreak of

the deadly Ebola virus in West Africa also threatens to cast a shadow over the summit, with leaders from at least two affected countries canceling plans to travel to Washington and the U.S. setting up medical screenings for other officials arriving from those nations.

"It's the nature of the world we live in today where there are multiple crises at any time," said Witney Schneidman, the former



Togo President Faure Gnassingbe arrives at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014 to attend the US Africa Leaders Summit. President Barack Obama is gathering nearly 50 African heads of state for a summit in Washington.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs. "But that should not paralyze us from moving forward on key areas to advance our interests."

White House officials say the American interests in Africa are immense. The continent is home to some of the world's fastest-growing economies and a rapidly expanding middle class. The U.S. is competing for those consumers with China, which surpassed the United States in 2009 as Africa's largest trading partner.

"The importance of this for America needs to be understood," Obama said Friday. "Africa is growing, and you've got thriving markets and you've got entrepreneurs and extraordinary talent among the people there."

He added: "Africa also happens to be one of the continents where America is most popular, and people feel a real affinity for our way of life."

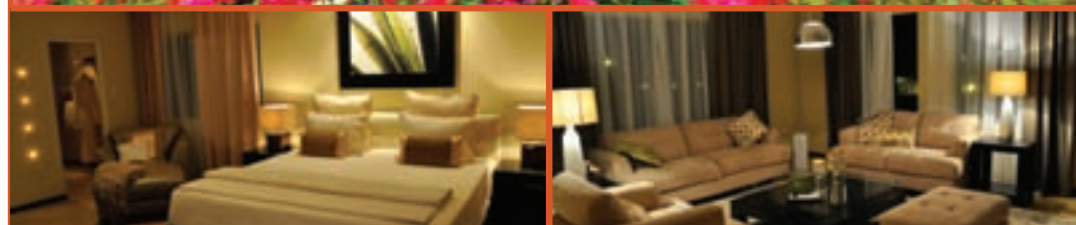
From the start of his presidency, Obama has faced sky-high expectations from African leaders and U.S. policymakers who hoped the son of a Kenyan would bump Africa up the White House list of priorities.

Obama's first trip to sub-Saharan Africa as president — an overnight stop in Ghana in 2009 — also suggested that he could be an American president able to tell hard truths to the continent's leaders. During a speech to parliament in Accra, he declared that Africa "doesn't need strongmen, it needs strong institutions."

But it would be four years before Obama returned to Africa again, a yawning gap that raised questions about the extent of his commitment. Unlike his predecessor George W. Bush, who launched a \$15 billion program to address HIV and AIDS, Obama seemed to be lacking a signature Africa initiative. And his administration's focus turned instead to the Arab Spring movement sweeping through the Middle East, a heavily promoted rebalance toward Asia and a slew of pressing security concerns. Analysts say Obama's second term has brought about a more robust focus on Africa. The president made a three-country trip to the continent last year and aides say he's likely to travel there again before the end of his second term. □



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American nurse with Ebola to leave Liberia Tuesday



An ambulance departs Dobbins Air Reserve Base near Interstate 75, Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, in Marietta, Ga. A second American medical missionary stricken with the often deadly Ebola virus is expected to be flown Tuesday to the U.S. for treatment, following a colleague who was admitted over the weekend to Emory University Hospital's infectious disease unit.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore)

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ATLANTA (AP) — A second American medical missionary stricken with the often deadly Ebola virus is expected to be flown Tuesday to the U.S. for treatment, following a colleague who was admitted over the weekend to Emory University Hospital's infectious disease unit. Top American public health officials continue to emphasize that treating Nancy Writebol and Dr. Kent Brantly in the U.S. poses no risks to the public as West Africa grapples with its worst recorded Ebola outbreak in history.

"The plain truth is that we can stop Ebola," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, speaking Sunday on ABC's "This Week." "We know how to control it: hospital infection control and stopping it at the source in Africa." Brantly and Writebol served on the same medical mission team that was treating Ebola patients in Liberia. Also spreading in Guinea and Sierra Leone, the outbreak has infected more than 1,300 people in West Africa, killing at least 729 of them.

Liberian officials said a medical evacuation plane would transport Writebol

to the United States early Tuesday. Information Minister Lewis Brown told The Associated Press that the flight was expected to leave West Africa between at 1 a.m. and 1.30 a.m. local time Tuesday.

Brantly arrived Saturday under the same protocol, flying from West Africa to Dobbins Air Reserve base outside Atlanta in a small plane equipped to contain infectious diseases. A small police escort followed his ambulance to the hospital, where he emerged dressed head to toe in white protective clothing and walked into the hospital on his own power.

In another television appearance, Frieden said on "Fox News Sunday" that Brantly "appears to be improving."

An American mission official has said Brantly was treating victims of the outbreak at a hospital compound near Monrovia, Liberia, when he became infected. They said Writebol served as a hygienist whose role included decontaminating those entering or leaving the Ebola treatment area at that hospital.

There is no cure for the Ebola virus, which causes hemorrhagic fever that kills at least 60 percent of the people it infects in Af-

rica. It is spread by close contact with bodily fluids and blood, meaning it is not spread as easily as airborne influenza or the common cold.

That means any modern hospital using standard infection-control measures should be able to handle it. American doctors say the virus could be curtailed in Africa by a better functioning health care system. Emory officials have not commented on Brantly's condition. And no immediate details were provided by U.S. health officials for Writebol's planned treatment.

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Toledo, Ohio; Drinking water still deemed unsafe

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Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — More tests are needed to ensure that toxins are out of Toledo's water supply, the Ohio city's mayor said Sun-

sign. Toledo officials issued the warning early Saturday after tests at one treatment plant showed two sample readings for microcystin above the standard for consumption, possi-

children should not shower or bathe in the water and that it shouldn't be given to pets. Algae blooms during the summer have become more frequent and troublesome around the



Megan Anllo, a volleyball coach at Woodward High School, carries a bag of water to a nearby car, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Toledo, Ohio. More tests are needed to ensure that toxins are out of Toledo's water supply, the mayor said Sunday, instructing the 400,000 people in the region to avoid drinking tap water for a second day. Toledo officials issued the warning early Saturday after tests at one treatment plant showed two sample readings for microcystin above the standard for consumption, possibly because of algae on Lake Erie.

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bly because of algae on Lake Erie, the shallowest of the five Great Lakes. The city also said not to boil the water because that would only increase the toxin's concentration. The mayor also warned that

(AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari)

western end of Lake Erie. The algae growth is fed by phosphorus mainly from farm fertilizer runoff and sewage treatment plants, leaving behind toxins that have contributed to oxygen-deprived dead zones where fish can't survive. The toxins can kill animals and sicken humans.

Long lines quickly formed at water distribution centers and store shelves were emptied of bottled water. The warning effectively cut off the water supply to Toledo, most of its suburbs and a few areas in southeastern Michigan.

The Toledo Zoo said it was using its own water reserves for the animals.

The zoo said none of the animals has shown any signs of sickness but zookeepers are monitoring them. Flamingos were the only animals taken off exhibit Sunday as a precaution. City and state officials monitoring the water were waiting for a new set of samples to be analyzed Sunday at a federal lab in Cincinnati, Collins said. □

U.S. justices silent over execution drug secrecy

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — No U.S. Supreme Court justice has emerged as a principled opponent of the death penalty, even as the number of executions annually in the country has dropped by more than half over the past 15 years and the court has barred states from killing juveniles and the mentally disabled.

No one on the Supreme Court objected publicly when the justices voted to let Arizona proceed with the execution of Joseph Wood, who unsuccessfully sought information about the drugs that would be used to kill him. Inmates in Florida and Missouri went to their deaths by lethal injection in the preceding weeks after the high court refused to block their executions. Again, no justice said the executions should be stopped.

"They're all voting to kill them, every so often. They do it in a very workmanlike, technocratic fashion," Stephen Bright, a veteran death penalty lawyer in Georgia, said of the high court.

Wood's execution on July 23 was the 26th in the United States this year and the third in which prisoners took much longer than usual to die. Wood, convicted of killing his estranged girlfriend and her father, was pronounced dead nearly two hours after his execution began, and an Associated Press reporter was among witnesses who said Wood appeared to gasp repeatedly, hundreds of times in all, before he died.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said she and her colleagues are aware of what happened in Arizona, though she declined to say how the court would rule on a plea to stop the next scheduled execution — of Michael Worthington on Wednesday in Missouri.

"Your crystal ball is as good as mine," she said last week in an interview with The Associated Press.

In death cases, the Supreme Court often is the last stop for inmates seeking a last-minute reprieve. They rarely succeed, a function of the need for five votes on the nine-justice court and the reluctance of appellate judges to disturb lower court rulings unless they are demonstrably wrong.

The substance of capital punishment issues usually finds its way in front of the justices when there is no time pressure. In January, the court heard arguments in a case over a Florida law that used a rigid threshold in intelligence test scores in cases of borderline mental disability.

In late May, a five-justice majority led by Anthony Kennedy struck down the law because it "contravenes our nation's commitment to dignity."

The soaring language that Kennedy often favors in his opinions has led some death penalty experts to believe that he eventually will provide the fifth vote, along with those of the court's four liberal justices, to end or severely restrict the use of the death penalty.

"It is impossible to reconcile that language with the secrecy surrounding lethal injections," said Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a civil rights legal organization. "My assumption is quite a lot is happening behind the scenes."

Ginsburg cautioned not to read too much into the absence of public dissent when the court rejects 11th-hour appeals to stop executions. "When a stay is denied, it doesn't mean we are in fact unanimous," she said. In 1972, the court struck down existing death penalty laws across the country but did not declare capital punishment unconstitutional. Four years later, the justices approved several rewritten state laws, and executions soon resumed. □

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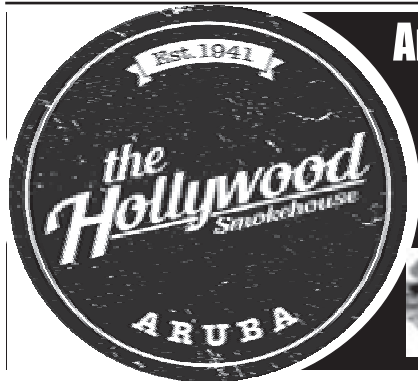
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Birthright trips continue despite Mideast conflict

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WASHINGTON - Lila Faria, 19, a student at New York University, heard the whine of a bomb siren for the first time last month in Jerusalem. Along with several dozen other Americans on a trip with the Taglit-Birthright Israel organization, she was quickly hustled into a bomb shelter.

"There was a feeling of uneasiness among the group because it made the situation less exciting and a little more realistic," Faria said in an interview from her home in Maplewood, New Jersey, a few days after she returned. "We suddenly realized that yes, there were bombs being fired, and people could be seriously hurt."

The conflict between Israel and Hamas did not stop Faria and more than 6,000 other participants in Birthright from traveling to Israel in the past month, Birthright officials say, but some 3,000 out of an anticipated 31,000 participants have canceled their trips with the program this season, which runs from May to September. The nonprofit organization pays for 10-day educational trips to Israel for young Jews, the vast majority from the United States.

The drop in participation since the violence started in Israel and Gaza is consistent with other times of violence in the Middle East, said Gail Hyman, a Birthright spokeswoman. Since the program began in 1999, no trip has been canceled because of security concerns.

"If Israeli officials were to hear it was too dangerous, we'd be the first to know," Hyman said. "No one wants to put our participants in harm's way."

But the abduction and killing of three Israeli teen-

agers in the West Bank in June heightened security concerns this summer, and Birthright officials said they remained in close contact with Israeli officials. "We have real-time connections to them," Hyman said.

For those still traveling to Israel, "every itinerary gets checked daily to make sure it's OK to complete," said Margalit Rosenthal, who organizes and leads Birthright trips through the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. Rosenthal traveled to Israel in July with a Birthright group that was initially to be 40 people, but shrank to 28 people because of cancellations. "Which is far better than some groups are faring," Rosenthal said. Rosenthal said the trip to a conflict zone was a learning experience for the participants about daily life in Israel. "We want them to understand Israel, and that this is a part of Israel, and showing them that something horrible is happening, but life goes on here," Rosenthal said. "They don't have the luxury of being tourists; they have a responsibility to know what's going on."

Nonetheless, Birthright tries to keep its participants far from the violence. "They put you in a bubble," Faria said. "You learn about it and you get to be with the soldiers, so you hear through them, but it's not like you're in the middle of the war."

Other Birthright groups in Israel this summer avoided dangerous parts of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, but still faced tense moments. Andrea Handel, 27, a special education teacher in Arlington, Virginia, who led a group rerouted from Tel Aviv to the northern Israeli city of Haifa, heard sirens warning of a bomb attack near Haifa while her group was on a bus.

"So I had to tell everyone to get off and lay down in ground, and then after a few, we're going on our



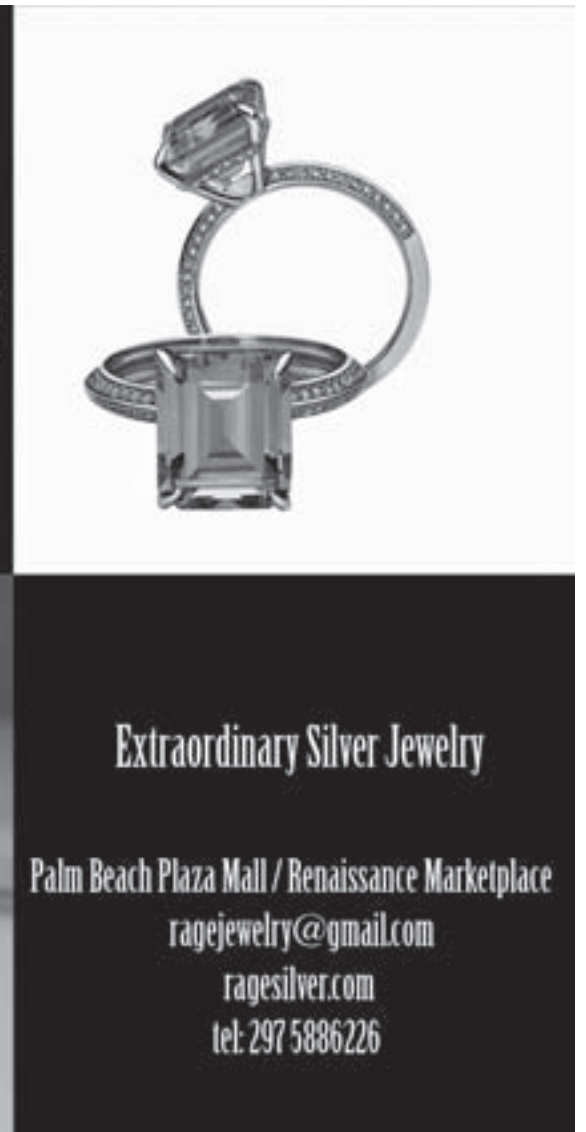
Lila Faria, a student at New York University, who visited Israel with a program called Taglit-Birthright Israel, at her home in Maplewood, N.J. The conflict between Israel and Hamas did not stop more than 6,000 Birthright participants from traveling to Israel this past month, Birthright officials say, but some 3,000 out of an expected 31,000 participants have canceled their trips with the program this season.

(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

the parking lot, covering their heads," Handel said. "One minute we're on the way again." Getting in and out of the country has also proved

difficult. U.S. airline carriers suspended plane travel to Tel Aviv on July 22 after a Hamas-launched rocket landed less than a mile from Ben-Gurion International Airport. "My mom was definitely concerned about my flight back home," Ethan Kaslow, 19, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, said in a telephone interview after he returned to the United States on July 25. "They really fly you out quickly."

Like the Birthright organization, Dor L'Dor, a Jewish leadership program through the Cohen Camps in Wellesley, Massachusetts, also took more than 100 Americans to Israel in late June for a scheduled five-week trip. When the three Israeli teenagers were found dead, the tone of the trip changed. □



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Holder files suit at coveted internship

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Kimberly Behzadi felt lucky to land an internship as a college senior with ICM Partners, the talent and literary agency. But she grew upset that she wasn't paid during her five-month internship. So she has sued ICM, asserting that it violated minimum wage laws by not paying her even though she did work similar to that done by the agency's paid assistants. Filed in federal court in Manhattan, her lawsuit is the latest in a wave of lawsuits that interns have brought, including ones against Hearst Magazines, Fox Searchlight, Gawker, Condé Nast and Warner Music. In an unusual twist for an intern's lawsuit, ICM has asked the judge to dismiss the case and send it to mandatory arbitration. That's because Behzadi was hired by the company after her internship and signed standard papers agreeing to settle any dis-

putes with the company through arbitration. ICM said in its legal filings that it runs an educational internship program that satisfies the government's criteria for when one doesn't have to pay interns. Behzadi said that as an intern she worked from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. four days a week and read and summarized scripts, answered phones, did expense accounts for agents and maintained the weekly calendar of comedy events to help the agency scout up-and-coming comedians. She asserted that ICM violated U.S. Labor Department rules that allow companies not to pay interns if they satisfy certain criteria. Those include that the employer not receive any immediate advantage from the intern's work, that the intern's work not displace regular employees and that the training be similar to that given in an educational environment. "The interns at ICM were

doing the hands-on work of the company on a day-to-day basis," said Behzadi's lawyer, Rachel Bien. "The work they did was of immediate advantage to the company. They were doing the same work as the paid assistants there." Bien said the lawsuit is seeking class-action status for more than 200 people who interned at ICM. Behzadi worked as an intern from January through May 2012, during her senior year at the State University of New York at Oswego. After graduation, she was hired as a full-time assistant at ICM, beginning in November 2012. At that point, she signed an agreement saying that "any and all disputes arising out of or in any way relating to my employment with the company shall be resolved" through arbitration. She was laid off in December 2013, told that the company needed to reduce overhead costs.

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Lotteries nationwide try to bring in young adults

KATELYN FERRAL
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Madi Williams, 21, spends her days selling lottery tickets at TAZ's Supermarket One convenience store in downtown Raleigh. She sees a steady stream of customers daily, but she's not one of them.

"Everyone who's above 40 comes in every day and spends like \$80 on lottery tickets. It's ridiculous," she said. "Never really young people, I'm not interested either and I've never thought about why."

Getting younger adults interested in a 40-year-old industry — where arguably the biggest product innovation was the advent of the scratch card in 1987 — is a challenge for lottery leaders worldwide.

"It's being constantly talked about," said North Carolina Education Lottery Director Alice Garland.

Even when the power ball jackpot hit \$500 million, Garland couldn't excite her three kids, ages 29, 30, and 33 at the chance to win big.

"I can't interest my children in it," she said. "I have to threaten them within an inch of their life to go by a \$2 ticket. It's \$2. Go buy a ticket. Please, I'm begging you."

In the U.S., state lotteries are trying to engage 20- and 30-somethings with new phone apps, websites and altruistic cause-based campaigning. But it's a gradual evolution.

"(The) U.S. is behind the rest of the world on technological innovation," said Don Feeney, research and planning director of Minnesota's lottery.

Lotteries in the U.K. and Canada have been selling lottery tickets online for nearly a decade.

A quarter of lottery players in the U.K. are between the ages of 16 and 24 and register for lottery games and tickets online, according to Camelot Business Solutions, which operates lotteries in the U.K. The lottery is working on adding instant win games to their digital offerings.

"We are trying to attract this demographic by offering players an enhanced and regularly refreshed range of games, and focusing on innovation to better reflect people's changing lifestyles and shopping habits," said Laura Pearson, a spokeswoman for Camelot Business Solutions.

Of those who play lotteries across the country, people between the ages of 25 and 34 routinely participate the least.

"It's always been the case that the sweet spot for lottery demographics comes into play after the age of 30," said Paul Jason, CEO of the Public Gaming Institute.

Young adults have never been a top-buying demographic, Jason said. Today's 20- and 30-somethings have grown up in a digital age and expect a different entertainment experience than past generations.

Tying lotteries to charity is a new, appealing frontier if Illinois Lottery Director Michael Jones has it pegged. □



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Sunni insurgents seize small towns in Iraq's north

BRAM JANSSEN
Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — Militants with the Islamic State extremist group on Sunday seized two small towns in

day before.

A resident in Sinjar said the militants blew up a small revered Shiite site and two Yazidi shrines. Yazidis are a Kurdish-speaking sect and

ran, abandoning arsenals of heavy weapons.

The Islamic State group has carved out a self-styled caliphate in a large area straddling the Iraqi-Syrian

to defend these areas," Psaki said in a statement, adding that the U.S. Joint Operation Centers in Irbil and Baghdad are sharing information with Iraqi security and Peshmerga commanders.

She said U.S. Ambassador Robert Beecroft met Sunday morning with Iraqi President Fouad Massoud and a U.N. representative "to discuss a coordinated approach to the humanitarian situation."

In the early days of the Sunni militant offensive, the Kurdish fighters did not fight the group but instead pushed into disputed areas with majority Kurdish population to protect them. But, they found themselves fighting the militants across the northern fronts from time to time.

The U.N. special envoy to Iraq, Nickolay Mladenov, said Kurds and the federal government "should urgently restore their security cooperation in dealing with the crisis."

Meanwhile Sunday, military spokesman Lt. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi said clashes continued between Iraqi security forces and militants to retake the town of Jurf al-Sakhar, which fell to Sunni insurgents last week.

Al-Moussawi said a number of airstrikes hit the militants in the center of the town, though he did not offer casualty figures. Dozens of militants and nine troops were killed Saturday in clashes in Jurf al-Sakhar, located some 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of the capital. □



A motorist passes by a flag of the Islamic State group at the entrance of the northern Iraqi city of Mosul. Militants with the Islamic State extremist group on Sunday seized two small towns in northern Iraq after driving out Kurdish security forces, further expanding the territories under their control, officials and residents said. (AP Photo)

northern Iraq after driving out Kurdish security forces, further expanding the territories under their control, officials and residents said. The fresh gains by the Sunni extremist militants have forced thousands of residents to flee from the religiously mixed towns of Zumar and Sinjar, toward the northern self-ruled Kurdish region, the United Nations said. Some of them were trapped in an open rugged area, it added.

Mosul Governor Atheel al-Nujaifi, who fled to the largely autonomous Kurdish region when the Islamic State group and allied Sunni militants seized Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul in June, told The Associated Press that the two towns fell after fierce clashes that erupted the

religious minority. Another resident in Zumar said they took over at least two small oil fields. Both spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution.

The U.N. mission in Iraq, known as UNAMI, said as many as 200,000 civilians, mostly Yazidis, have fled to a nearby mountain but were surrounded by militants and endangered.

Iraq is facing its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. The Islamic State, an al-Qaida break-away group, captured large swaths of land in the country's west and north in a lightning offensive earlier this year.

When it overran the cities of Mosul and Tikrit in June, Iraqi security forces virtually collapsed. In most cases, police and soldiers simply

border.

The fighting in Zumar and Sinjar was widely reported to have spread to the nearby Mosul Dam on Sunday, however Jabar Yawer, the spokesman for the Peshmerga, the Kurdish military in semi-autonomous northern Iraq, said late Sunday that Kurdish forces are still in control of the dam, emphasizing that the Islamic State group has not been successful in an attempted takeover.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the United States "is actively monitoring the situation" in northern Iraq and is "gravely concerned for the safety of civilians in these areas."

The U.S. "is supporting the Iraqi Security Forces and Peshmerga Forces working

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Ukraine's army on outskirts of rebel stronghold

YURAS KARMANAU

Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) —

Fighting raged Sunday on the western outskirts of Donetsk as the advancing Ukrainian army tried to seize control of the rebel stronghold. In danger of being encircled, the separatists renewed their calls for Russia to send troops to their aid.

To support their operations, the pro-Russian fighters have been confiscating vehicles and food from residents and businesses in Donetsk. The center of the major industrial city is all but deserted, with few people or cars on the streets and most stores and restaurants closed.

A spokesman for the Ukrainian military operation, Alexei Dmitrashkovsky, told The Associated Press that government soldiers were fighting Sunday to hold positions they had taken on the edge of Donetsk, but were meeting resistance.

In the part of the city closest to the fighting, an artillery shell hit a school overnight, but no one was reported hurt.

"The shell went through the roof and exploded inside the building, setting off a fire, but we still don't know who fired it," said Dmitry Levonchik, a 45-year-old coal miner. "Who needs this war? What are they fighting for?"

The sound of gunfire and explosions was heard just to the west.

Pavel Gubarev, the self-proclaimed governor of the separatist Donetsk region, said the rebels would win quickly if Russia sent troops.

"Of course it would be

great to see Russian peacekeepers here: strong artillery units, tank brigades," Gubarev said. "This war would be over in a day, maybe two."

Ukraine and the West say they have evidence that Russia is arming the separatists. Russia denies this and describes the Russian citizens fighting in eastern

low Moscow to maintain its influence in Ukraine.

If he is unable to win such a compromise and the Ukrainian army continues to take back rebel-held cities and towns, Putin may come under increased pressure to intervene militarily.

Many Donetsk residents have counted on help

to grocery stores said it was suspending its operations in Donetsk after rebel fighters raided its warehouses. The company, Deliveri, said in a statement on its website that the goods stolen Saturday evening were worth about \$840,000.

Viktor Okhramovich, who drives a minibus taxi, said the separatists seized his



An Ukrainian government army soldier approaches to a damaged bridge near the village of Debaltseve, Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine. Fighting raged Sunday on the western outskirts of Donetsk as the advancing Ukrainian army tried to seize control of the rebel stronghold.

(AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)

Ukraine as volunteers.

The conflict began after the Moscow-leaning president was ousted in February following months of street protests and a new pro-Western government took power in Kiev. Alarmed by the prospect of Ukraine moving closer to the European Union and NATO, Russian President Vladimir Putin fomented the pro-Russia insurgency in the mostly Russian-speaking east with the apparent aim of winning an agreement that would al-

low Moscow to maintain its

influence in Ukraine. "What is Putin waiting for? He inspired us to fight," said Ilya Sumyatin, a 38-year-old separatist fighter. "We had hoped for help from Russia, but we have been abandoned. Our strength is nearing an end and the Ukrainian army is advancing." The separatist fighters in Donetsk have proclaimed the right to confiscate any "strategically important resources" to support their operations.

On Sunday, a major trucking company that delivers

vehicles. "What am I supposed to do? I have nowhere to go to complain," he said. With the Ukrainian army approaching the city, many Donetsk residents have become reluctant to express support for the rebel fighters.

"Donetsk has turned into a dark hole where you can be taken prisoner, robbed, killed or have your home destroyed," said Inna Statsenko, a 52-year-old bank employee, who said she once supported the separatists. □

British citizens evacuate Tripoli as 25 Libyans are reported killed

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CAIRO - A British navy ship on Sunday evacuated about 100 British citizens from the Libyan capital, Tripoli, as 25 Libyans were reported killed in the fighting between rival militias that has torn apart the city and destroyed its airport. The scenes of anxious foreigners fleeing by boat recalled the mayhem at the start of the Libyan uprising under Moammar Gadhafi in 2011, though Tripoli residents say the violence has now become more severe than at any time during the revolt or since. What began three weeks ago as a relatively isolated battle for the airport has now spread to round-the-clock skirmishes in pockets throughout the city. More than 200 are believed to have died in the fighting.

The battle in the capital is part of a sharp escalation in a national struggle between the allies and opponents of the political Islamist movement. The contest is already dividing the newly elected legislature, set to convene Monday for its first formal session. But the tensions between the two sides have been building for more than a year as the Islamists and their militia allies flexed their muscles, both in the parliament and in the streets.

Then, a few months ago, a renegade former general, Khalifa Hifter, began an attempted military takeover, modeled on Egypt's, to purge all the Islamists. □



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Afghan election audit restarts as holiday finishes

RAHIM FAIEZ

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

An audit of results from Afghanistan's presidential runoff election resumed Sunday after a holiday break, an electoral official said.

The audit of more than 8 million votes is likely to take weeks, stalling an already much-delayed announcement of a new president to replace Hamid Karzai, the only leader the country has known since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the Taliban.

Preliminary results from the June 14 runoff showed former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai well ahead of his rival, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, but both sides alleged fraud.

Afghan election commission spokesman Noor Mohammad Noor said the audit, which would remain open to the public, began in the afternoon although it had been scheduled to start a day earlier.

"The audit process is underway right now in two shifts to end the process as soon as possible," he said at a news conference, adding that local and international observers are watching the audit along with journalists, as well as representatives from candidate Ghani Ahmadzai's team. There were no representatives from Abdullah.

A United Nations official said Saturday that requests from Abdullah's team had delayed the audit's resumption.

Abdullah's campaign team meanwhile decried the audit as "a show" on Sunday and maintained that the election was fraudulent. □

Syrian rebels kill 10, capture others in Lebanon

DIAA HADID

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) —

Syrian rebels killed 10 Lebanese troops and likely captured over a dozen more in a raid on a Lebanese border town, the country's military chief said, the most serious spillover of violence yet into

some people imagine," Lebanon's army chief, Gen. Jean Kahwaji, told journalists.

As fighting raged Sunday, some residents tried to flee from the eastern Lebanese border town of Aarsal, home to 40,000 residents and 120,000 Syrian refugees.

ambulances racing into town and soldiers standing guard just outside its limits. The raid came hours after the army said troops detained Syrian Imad Ahmad Jomaa, who identified himself as a member of the Nusra Front. The state-run National News Agency

tremist Sunni groups, but did not name them. He said the fighting had killed 10 soldiers, while 13 were missing.

"They may be prisoners of terrorist groups," he said.

A video uploaded to an account associated with the Nusra Front showed over a dozen captured Lebanese soldiers and police officers. In the video, the men announced their defections from the Lebanese army and the Shiite militant group Hezbollah, whose forces are fighting in Syria in support of Assad. The video of the men's capture appeared authentic and corresponded with Associated Press reporting on the attack in Aarsal. But the men appeared uncomfortable as they repeated similar statements as many refused to look at the camera.

A trickle of vehicles packed with residents fled Aarsal on Sunday. Thousands more were stuck, said Mohammed Ezeldeen, who drove to Beirut in a car packed with 15 people.

"Between the shelling and shelling, there's shelling," Ezeldeen said by phone. "People can't leave because there are clashes around the main checkpoint."

Deputy Mayor Ahmad Fliti said rebels killed three civilians when residents rushed to defend the town's police station. □



Smoke billows from Aarsal, a Sunni Muslim town near the Syrian border in eastern Lebanon. Rebels fighting in Syria's civil war crossed into Lebanon and raided a border town this weekend, killing and capturing security force members in the most serious incursion into the tiny country during its neighbor's 3-year-old conflict. (AP Photo)

the tiny country from its neighbor's civil war.

The capture of Lebanese soldiers and police raised fears that the country could become further entangled in the Syrian civil war and could worsen already-brewing sectarian tensions.

"What happened today is more serious than what

The attack began Saturday as Syrian rebels made a cross-border raid into Aarsal, some 90 kilometers (55 miles) from the capital, Beirut. The clashes continued into Sunday around the municipal building and an army checkpoint, Lebanon's state news agency reported. Local television footage showing wailing

said Jomaa was detained as he was being brought to a hospital in Lebanon after being wounded while fighting Syrian troops.

The Nusra Front is one of the most powerful groups fighting to overthrow the rule of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The army chief said the fighters belonged to ex-

Emirates halts flights to Guinea over Ebola fears

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

(AP) —

Emirates, the Middle East's largest airline, said Sunday that it halted flights to the West African nation of Guinea because of concerns about the spread of the Ebola virus there.

The Dubai-based carrier said flights to the Guinean capital of Conakry were

suspended beginning Saturday until further notice.

Guinea, along with neighboring Liberia and Sierra Leone, is struggling to contain an outbreak of the disease that has sickened more than 1,300 people and killed more than 700 since March.

Emirates' rapid growth has

turned its Dubai base into one of the world's busiest air hubs, funneling travelers around the globe.

The airline will continue flying to the West African nation of Senegal, which borders Guinea, saying it "will be guided by the updates from international health authorities."

The International Air Transport Association last week said it is working with the World Health Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization to monitor potential fallout for air travel from the outbreak, and that the WHO is currently not recommending travel restrictions. □

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Strong quake kills 367 in southern China

JACK CHANG
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A strong earthquake in southern China's Yunnan province toppled thousands of homes on Sunday, killing at least 367 people and injuring more than 1,800.

About 12,000 homes collapsed in Ludian, a densely populated county located around 366 kilometers (277 miles) northeast of Yunnan's capital, Kunming, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The magnitude-6.1 quake struck at 4:30 p.m. at a depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles), according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Its epicenter was in Longtoushan township, 23 kilometers (14 miles) southwest of the city of Zhaotong, the Ludian county seat.

Ma Liya, a resident of Zhaotong, told Xinhua that the streets there were like a "battlefield after bombardment." She added that her neighbor's house, a new two-story building, had toppled, and said the quake was far worse than one that struck the area in 2012 and killed 81 people. "The aftermath is much, much worse than what

happened after the quake two years ago," Ma said. "I have never felt such strong tremors before. What I can see are all ruins."

Xinhua said at least 367

people died.

News reports said rescuers were still trying to reach victims in more remote towns Sunday night.

Photos on Weibo, Chi-

na's Twitter-like social media site, showed rescuers searching through flattened buildings and people injured amid toppled bricks. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon offered "his condolences to the Chinese Government and the families of those killed," according to a statement from his office. The state-



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, rescuers transport injured people after an earthquake in Zhaotong City in the densely populated Ludian county in southwest China's Yunnan Province, Sunday Aug. 3, 2014. The strong earthquake in southern China's Yunnan province toppled thousands of homes on Sunday, killing at least 175 people and injuring more than 1,400, according to China's official Xinhua News Agency.

(AP Photo / Xinhua, Zhang Guangyu)

people were killed in the quake, with 1,881 injured. Most of the deaths — 357 — were in Zhaotong City, Xinhua said. Another 10 people were killed in Qui-

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Indian leader offers Nepal \$1 billion in credit

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Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Sunday a \$1 billion concessional line of credit for Nepal to use for development, including building hydropower plants in the energy-starved Himalayan nation.

Modi told Nepal's parliament that the financial assistance could be used for hydropower development and building other infrastructure. He also said he plans to double the electricity that India is supplying to Nepal, and that new transmission lines will soon be built to allow the country to import more power.

Nepal has suffered from major power shortages, with consumers facing power cuts of up to 12 hours a day because power plants are able to meet only half the total demand. Nepal's communist insurgency, which lasted until 2006, and ensuing political instability have hampered the construction of new power plants, and the country cannot afford to map out an energy strategy on its own.

Modi also said that once the power plants are built, India would buy electricity from Nepal.

"Right now our electricity will remove Nepal's darkness, but in a decade electricity from Nepal will remove India's darkness," Modi told Nepalese lawmakers. Modi arrived in Nepal on Sunday to meet with top leaders, offer prayers at a revered Hindu temple and address parliament.

His visit is significant because India has major influence over both the economy and politics in the much smaller Himalayan nation, and supplies all of Nepal's oil needs and dominates much of its trade.

Poor safety record faulted in China factory blast

JACK CHANG
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese investigators faulted poor safety measures for an explosion at an auto parts factory that killed 71 people and injured more than 180, with news reports Sunday revealing that workers had long complained of dangerous levels of dust and inadequate cleaning practices at the facility.

Metal dust produced from polishing steel hubcaps ignited Saturday morning at

the factory in the eastern Chinese city of Kunshan, causing an explosion that destroyed almost the entire roof of the plant, city officials said. More than 200 workers were at the factory at the time of the blast, China's most serious industrial disaster since a fire at a poultry plant killed 119 people in June last year.

The metallic dust stuck to the skin of workers, burning between 50 and 90 percent of their bodies, said

Liu Wei, deputy chief of the health bureau in the city, located in Jiangsu province, about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) southeast of Beijing.

Rescuers pulled out 46 bodies at the site, while 25 other people died at a hospital, officials said. Another 186 people were injured, most with severe burns.

State broadcaster CCTV showed footage of large plumes of thick, black smoke rising from the plant, and news websites posted

photos of the dead or injured lifted onto the back of large trucks, their bodies black, presumably from burns or soot.

A preliminary investigation showed that the blast was likely a dust explosion, said China's official Xinhua News Agency. Chinese newspapers reported that workers at the factory had complained over the past years about layers of dust gathering on their work tables, and poor ventilation in the facility.



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The Van Drunen Family Is Now On Aruba in Full Force

PALM BEACH - Here they are: father Arien van Drunen, mom Saskia, Elle (15), Jesse (14), Elle (11) and Valentijn (9) from Holland. The Van Drunen family is once again on Aruba, this year in full force and ready to party. The family has been coming to the island seven years in a row and they can always be found at Mooimba Beach, where the kids sit at the bar with a

Shirley Temple or a frap-puccino planning pranks for later in the Marriott resort, where they are staying. Highlights of their trip are a snorkeling tour with Renee and tubing with their friend Roberto. Valentijn, the youngest Van Drunen, has a request; he asks that his school will be mentioned in this article. Well, here goes: De Pollenhof! Have a great vacation, Van Drunentjes! □



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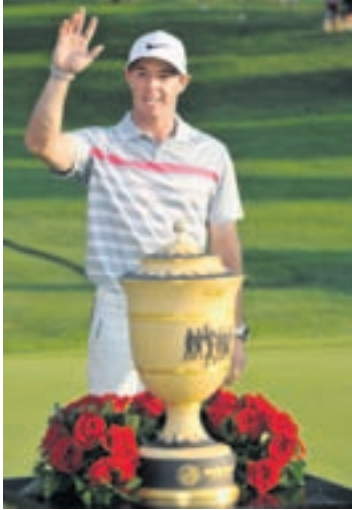
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Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, thanks the fans after winning the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Akron, Ohio. McIlroy won with a final round 66 to beat Sergio Garcia by two strokes.

McIlroy wins and goes back to No. 1

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Rory McIlroy rallied from a three-shot deficit to win the Bridgestone Invitational and return to No. 1 in the world.

In his first start since a wire-to-wire win in the British Open, McIlroy picked up his first World Golf Championship title at Firestone. And just like Royal Liverpool, the 25-year-old from Northern Ireland made it look easy. Sergio Garcia had a three-shot lead going into the final round at Firestone. McIlroy fired off three straight birdies and already had the lead when he stood on the fourth tee. He took over the lead for good with an 8-foot birdie putt on the 11th hole, got some breathing room when Garcia made bogey on the 15th hole, and the 25-year-old from Northern Ireland cruised home to a two-shot victory.

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Earnhardt completes sweep at Pocono

Dale Earnhardt Jr. poses with the trophy in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Pocono Raceway, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Long Pond, Pa.

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Liberty beats Dream 83-76 in Cooper's return

By **MATT WINKELJOHN**

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) -- Tina Charles had 29 points and 14 rebounds as the New York Liberty beat Atlanta 83-76 to spoil Dream coach Michael Cooper's early return to the sideline.

Cooper missed Atlanta's past five games after being diagnosed with early-stage tongue cancer, and had surgery July 24. Team officials at the time said that Cooper, 58, was expected to miss about two weeks.

By winning eight of their past 12 games after a 4-11 start, the fourth-place Liberty (12-15) have pulled within five games of the first-place Dream (17-10) in the East, and New York took the season series against Atlanta 3-1.

Atlanta leads second-place Washington by 4 games, and Indiana by 4 1-2

If the playoffs began now,



Tina Charles shoots the ball during the Liberty's victory on Sunday.

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New York and Atlanta would meet in the first round.

Should Charles keep playing this way, New York's chances might be good against anybody. Over the past six games, she's aver-

aged 22.7 points and 12.7 rebounds.

"It was a must win as far as a playoff berth; Atlanta already has a playoff berth, we don't," Charles said. "So we just came in here with great intensity and

energy. We were doing all the little things. We only had three turnovers in the second half and that was the biggest thing, I think."

Atlanta this week qualified for the WNBA playoffs for the sixth consecutive season, but the Dream have dropped five of seven games.

Angel McCoughtry led Atlanta with 28 points, including four 3-pointers, and Sancho Lyttle added 16 points for the Dream.

McCoughtry and Lyttle scored 10 points each in the first half and the Dream led 35-34.

In the third period, Charles scored 10 points, rookie Anna Cruz added nine and New York turned five Atlanta turnovers into 10 points as the Liberty put the game out of reach.

"In the six years that I have been here, every time it's the second half (of the season) where we play this way until the playoffs," Lyt-

tle said.

"I don't know why, but I want to live to see the day that we don't.

"Maybe we've lost focus a little bit.

Maybe we're playing like we know too much."

Cooper, sporting atypical beard stubble on his face, told team officials he wanted to be present for the Dream's, "Breast Awareness Health," initiatives, which on Sunday included acknowledging survivors of breast cancer.

The Dream wore pink uniforms for the annual event.

"I would like to thank all my friends and fans for all the well wishes and support," said in a statement released by the Dream before the game.

"I am excited to get back to coaching."

It is unclear if Cooper will accompany the Dream on their upcoming four-game road trip, which begins Tuesday in Phoenix. □

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Earnhardt win completes season sweep at Pocono

DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

LONG POND, Pennsylvania (AP)

— Dale Earnhardt Jr. took the lead off the final restart with three laps left and won Sunday to complete a season sweep at Pocono Raceway.

Earnhardt held off the hard-charging Kevin Harvick to win for the third time this season. Earnhardt is the first driver to sweep both races at the track since Denny Hamlin in 2006.

He tweeted "Lookin for a broom" when he landed in Pocono. He could use one in Victory Lane.

Earnhardt also became the fifth straight Hendrick Motorsports driver to win at Pocono. His third win, he also won the Daytona 500, ties him for the most in Sprint Cup this season. Harvick was second, followed by Joey Logano, Clint Boywer and Greg Biffle.

Earnhardt has his most wins since he won six times in 2004.

"I can't believe we swept Pocono," Earnhardt said.

Earnhardt said before the race his No. 88 Chevrolet was better than his winner in June. They were both fast enough to reach Victory Lane.

Earnhardt is enjoying a career renaissance in the final season for crew chief Steve Letarte. Hendrick Motorsports named Greg Ives the crew chief for next season once Letarte heads to the broadcast booth. Earnhardt's three wins are one shy of his combined total from 2005-2013.

"We had a fast car all day," Earnhardt said. "Steve's strat-



Dale Earnhardt Jr. is doused by crew members in Victory Lane after winning the the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Pocono Raceway, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Long Pond, Pa.
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egy was perfect at the end. I don't know if anyone knew what was going on there, but it was pretty awesome."

He had few cars left to hold off on the lead lap after several potential contenders got knocked out. Hamlin triggered a 13-car wreck with 43 laps after he got sideways coming out of a turn. Brian Vickers tried to avoid Hamlin and slammed into Matt Kenseth to send cars all over the track. The pileup looked like a "Big One" straight out of Talladega or Daytona, with smoking, dented and destroyed cars littering the track.

Tony Stewart's No. 14 Chevrolet rested atop Paul Menard's No. 27 Chevy.

"I can't drive it because my car is on top of the other car," Stewart said over the radio. Stewart, Vickers, Menard and Matt Kenseth all visited the NASCAR care center.

"Big wrecks are always frustrating when you're in it," Kenseth said.

Aric Almirola said he slammed on the breaks as hard as he could, but still got "creamed from behind and pushed into the wreck."

Hamlin was able to straighten

himself out and stayed out.

Kyle Busch topped the lengthy list of stars with an early exit when the No. 18 needed a push to the garage with a variety of issues. Six-time champion Jimmie Johnson finished outside the top 10 for the fourth straight race. He fell a lap down after his rear right tire smacked the wall, rebounded to run fifth, then a second blown tire forced him to the garage.

"It wasn't the best weekend but we still gave ourselves a chance at a win, if not a top five, today and came up a little short," Johnson said. □

Paul George's broken leg leaves U.S., Pacers reeling

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Basketball Writer

The U.S. men's national team, too emotional to finish the exhibition game it was playing when George suffered the gruesome injury Friday night, had to shift its focus away from the World Cup of Basketball to thinking about an injured teammate.

The Indiana Pacers, a round short of the NBA Finals the last two years, were left pondering a season without their best player. "This is a tough blow for not only USA Basketball, but for the Indiana Pacers," USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said. Both were thinking only of George, who remained at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas after surgery to repair an open tibia-fibula fracture. He was expected to remain hospitalized for about three days and the Pacers hope he can return to Indianapolis next week,



Indiana Pacers' Paul George is taken off the court after he was injured during the USA Basketball Showcase game Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, in Las Vegas.

though it will be months, perhaps a year, before he can return to the court.

"Any discussion regarding the future of our team would be inappropriate at this time," Pacers President Larry Bird said in a statement. "Our focus is solely on Paul and doing whatever we can to help."

George's loss comes on the heels of Lance Ste-

phenson's departure to Charlotte in free agency, leaving Indiana without its two most versatile players. The Pacers had the Eastern Conference's best record last season at 56-26 and could have been the favorite to reach the NBA Finals after LeBron James' departure from Miami if they could have brought their core back.

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Now, they could struggle just to stay in the playoff picture in the toughened-up East. James' arrival in Cleveland, with Kevin Love perhaps still to come, could make the Cavaliers the team to beat. Or it could be Chicago, with Derrick Rose looking back in form after another surgery while playing for the Americans this week and with Pau Gasol joining the Bulls next season.

Washington and Toronto figure to keep building after their playoff appearances last season, Miami rebounded well after losing James to keep a competitive team together, and the Pacers without George might not be as good as any of them.

"There is no question about the impact on our team but our goal is to be as strong-willed and determined as Paul will be in coming back," Bird said. "Our franchise has had set-

backs in its history but has demonstrated the abilities to recover. Paul will provide the example of that off the court and it is up to the rest of us to provide that example on the court."

The U.S. team will try to do the same, but the Americans aren't ready to move forward yet.

They were putting on a good show for the fans in Las Vegas, then were going to get down to business Saturday. The roster would be trimmed from 20 to about 14 or 15 finalists, and those who made the cut would return when the team resumed practice on Aug. 14 in Chicago.

Plans changed after George's right leg smashed into the basket stanchion and crumpled as he was trying to block James Harden's fast-break layup. He was taken off on a stretcher as teammates watched, all too upset to talk afterward. □

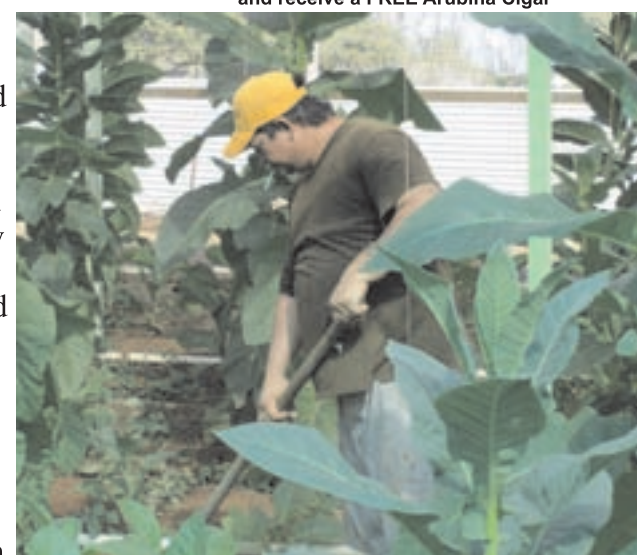
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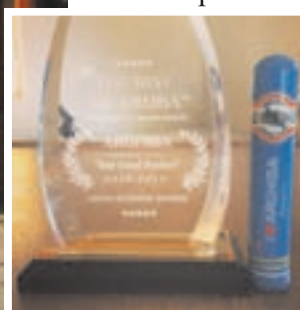


ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi, a true native Aruban started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced hand rolled cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi always had a interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crops. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba, he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The whole process took him 10 years to perfect. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the moulding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. Their handmade cigar box is specially designed with their "Aruhiba" logo. Petrocchi considers Aruhiba as a promotion for Aruba through its fine cigars. The company sells Aruhiba to the international markets as well. Visit their retail store located in front of the Historic Dutch Windmill in front of the Westin Resort, with any purchase of \$20 and up you receive a free "Aruhiba" cigar or ask for their gift box of 5 cigars get 1 FREE for only \$37. They open from Monday to Saturday from 9 am till 6:30 pm and on Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. Aruhiba cigars are now available at the gift stores in your resort and at well-known cigar stores. For their complete selection and attractive by the box prices visit their retail store. Tours are also



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Mcllroy wins

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Garcia closed with a 71, though his runner-up finish was enough to move him to No. 3 in the world.

Mcllroy became the 13th player with a major and a World Golf Championship, and joined Tiger Woods as the only players to win them in consecutive starts. Woods wasn't around to see it.

Just four months after back surgery, and in his third tournament since his return, Woods injured his lower back when he landed with a thud in the stand from an awkward stance atop a bunker on the second hole. He withdrew after a tee shot on the ninth hole, bending over slowly and struggling to remove the tee from the ground.

It was not clear he Woods could play in the PGA Championship next week. Mcllroy heads south to Valhalla with a full head of steam. After a brief celebration with the claret jug, he was determined to move forward and chase more titles over the final four months of the year. He backed it up with a

powerful performance on a soggy Firestone course to take the top spot in the world from Adam Scott.

Mcllroy finished at 15-under 265 and won \$1.53 million, leaving him \$765 short of Bubba Watson on the PGA Tour money list.

More important was the world ranking.

He lost the No. 1 position in March 2013 when his game was in a downward spiral as he was adjusting to a new equipment deal and going through another management change. But since winning the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth at May, his game looks as strong as ever.

"It feels like a long time since I lost that No. 1 spot, but it feels good to be back on top," Mcllroy said. "Hopefully, I can keep it for a while."

Garcia was a runner-up to Mcllroy for the second straight time.

The Spaniard had the daunting task of making up a seven-shot deficit at the British Open, and Garcia put up a great fight until finishing two shots behind at Hoylake. Staked to at three-shot lead at Firestone, it didn't go much better.



Rory McIlroy, right, is congratulated by Sergio Garcia after Mcllroy won the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament by two shots over Garcia, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.

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Garcia missed a 6-foot birdie on the par-5 second hole with a putt that never looked as if it was going in. His lead down to one, Garcia pulled his tee shot into the gallery on the third hole, striking a woman on the hand and knocking the diamond out of her ring. The diamond was found, about the lone bright spot in his day. Garcia made bogey, and Mcllroy rolled in another birdie putt to take the lead.

They were tied at the turn when Garcia made a 15-foot putt for his only birdie

of the day, and Mcllroy missed from 6 feet. But two holes later, with both players about 8 feet away for birdie, Mcllroy made and Garcia missed, and the Spaniard never caught up.

Marc Leishman (67) finished alone in third.

Patrick Reed holed out for eagle on No. 17 in his round of 65 and gave him a tie for fourth, enough to move him up to No. 7 in the Ryder Cup standings and boost his hopes of making his first team with only the PGA Championship left in the

qualifying period.

Phil Mickelson made 10 birdies for a career-best 62 at Firestone.

None of that could top Mcllroy, who put on another exhibition with his driver that made Firestone look like child's play.

"It's the foundation of my game when I drive it like that," Mcllroy said. "I have a pretty good chance to win most weeks, and I've shown that the last couple of weeks. Hopefully, going into Valhalla in good form and I'll try to get three in a row." □

Kenny Perry leads 3M Championship

MIKE COOK

Associated Press

BLAINE, Minnesota (AP) — Kenny Perry eagled the last hole after waiting out a thunderstorm to take a one-shot lead Saturday after the second round of the Champions Tour's 3M Championship.

Perry shot a 9-under 63 to reach 16-under 128 at TPC Twin Cities. The six-time senior winner birdied the par-3 17th and was on the green on the par-5 18th when play was stopped for

the thunderstorm. After a two-hour delay, he made the 8-foot eagle putt.

First-round leader Marco Dawson was second after a 66. Bernhard Langer, Gary Hallberg, Jeff Maggert and Gene Sauers were 13 under. Langer, coming off a record-breaking victory in the Senior British Open, and Maggert shot 67, and Hallberg and Sauers had 65s.

Dawson and Maggert were in the 18th fairway when play stopped. When play resumed, Dawson put a

5-iron pin high to set up an eagle, but Maggert — tied for the lead at the time — hit his approach shot in the water en route to a bogey. Two shots back to start the day, Perry was 3 under on the front nine and added birdies at Nos. 10 and 15 to pull into a tie for the lead.

Fifth in the season-long points race, Perry has been one of the more consistent tour players, finishing no worse than 14th — including four top-10s — in his last six events. That includes a

major win May 18 at the Regions Tradition.

Maggert, who started the day one shot back, bogeyed the first hole to fall to 7 under, before birdies on Nos. 3 and 4. Starting on No. 7, he birdied five of six holes to take a two-shot lead at 14 under, but promptly gave a shot back with a bogey on the par-4 14th. Dawson tied for the lead with a birdie on the 318-yard par-4 seventh after he drove the green and two-putted. However. □



Kenny Perry hold the winner's trophy after winning the Champions Tour's 3M Championship golf tournament at TPC Twin Cities in Blaine, Minn., Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014.

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Serena Williams wins Bank of the West title

RICK EYMER

Associated Press

STANFORD, California (AP)

— Serena Williams won her WTA-leading fourth title of the season Sunday, beating third-seeded Angelique Kerber 7-6(1), 6-3 in the Bank of the West Classic.

Playing her first tournament since her departure from Wimbledon because of equilibrium problems, the top-ranked and top-seeded Williams won the hard-court event for the third time.

Kerber, 0-4 in finals this season, won five straight games to go up 5-1 and was serving for the first set at 5-2. Williams saved two set points and went to win five games in a row.

"I blinked my eye and I was down 1-5," Williams said. "Angelique was playing well and I thought 'What's going on?' I tried to relax, not think about anything and just do the right thing." The eighth-ranked Kerber forced a tiebreaker, but Williams took the first five points.



Serena Williams holds the winner's trophy after beating Angelique Kerber, of Germany, during the championship match of the Bank of the West Classic tennis tournament on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Stanford, Calif. Williams won the match 7-6 (1), 6-3.

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"It's a good thing that it happened," Williams said. "When I'm not playing great I know I can make some kind of comeback." Williams didn't play well in any of the first sets this week but always found a way to win.

"I've been training hard all year and hopefully that pays off, especially after

Wimbledon," Williams said. "I stayed positive here. This shows I'm moving in the right direction."

Questions were raised after she retired from a doubles match with sister Venus at Wimbledon in June. A viral infection affected her equilibrium.

She answered those questions with an exclamation

point Sunday.

"Every week is a new week and all I can do is try and improve," Williams said.

"For me it's all mental: being there, being positive and being good to myself." Williams has beaten the left-handed Kerber four straight times and five of six overall. All of their matches have been in straight sets.

"I gave everything I could out there," Kerber said. "When she was down she started hitting the ball better. It's a special thing she has. On the important points, she goes for it."

Williams will be No. 1 for the 200th week in her career when the rankings are announced Monday. She is fifth on the career list, nine weeks behind fourth-place Martina Hingis.

"I feel like I'm just me. I don't feel any different from anyone else on this planet," Williams said. "To be that of as that is pretty awesome."

Williams extended her winning streak to 13 matches in winning her third title at Stanford in four years.

"It just says how much I love to play here," she said.

Kerber, who will rise to No. 7, was the first German to reach the final in the event since Sylvia Hanika in 1987. Bettina Bunge, in 1983, was the last German to win the tournament.

"I had a great week," Kerber said. "I played some great matches against some good opponents. She showed she's the best player in the world."

Williams has not lost to a top-10 player this season. Kerber has never beaten a No. 1 player.

Williams improved to 17-2 overall in matches played at Stanford. She's 30-5 on the season and 662-117 for her career. Williams is 61-17 in finals. Williams has not played well at Grand Slam events this year, failing to reach the quarterfinals of the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon. Winning the U.S. Open, she said, "would make it better but not erase anything. But I'm just focused on the next tournament." □



Milos Raonic, of Canada, poses with the trophy after he beat compatriot Vasek Pospisil in the men's singles final at the Citi Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Washington. Raonic won 6-1, 6-4.

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AP Tennis Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Milos Raonic easily won the first all-Canadian tournament final in ATP history, erasing the only break point he faced and beating Vasek Pospisil 6-1, 6-4 Sunday at the Citi Open for his sixth career title.

The second-seeded Raonic produced serves topping 140 mph (225 kph) and broke Pospisil four times at the hard-court

tuneup for the U.S. Open. The year's last Grand Slam tournament begins Aug. 25.

Raonic, a semifinalist at Wimbledon last month, earned \$316,400 for the victory and his ranking will rise one spot Monday to No. 6, matching his career high.

The ATP said it was the first time two men from Canada played each other in a tour final in the Open era, which began in 1968, and

Raonic tops Pospisil in 1st all-Canadian ATP final

red-and-white maple leaf flags dotted the stands on the outskirts of Washington. During the trophy ceremony, Raonic thanked "the Canadians here; the Canadians back home."

"I felt," Pospisil said, "like I was playing in front of a Canadian crowd."

This marked a noteworthy occasion on a personal level for Pospisil, too: It was the first ATP final of his nascent career. And he played a bit like someone who might have felt overwhelmed by the occasion — or perhaps like someone who was fatigued after spending more than 3 1/2 hours on court a day earlier.

Pospisil earned two victories Saturday to reach the final, finishing a rain-interrupted quarterfinal in the early afternoon, before edging Richard Gasquet in the semifinals about 7 1/2

hours later.

Pospisil started slowly Sunday, when the air was muggy and the temperature topped 80 degrees (27 Celsius). He was broken in the opening game, when he missed a couple of forehands and sailed a backhand wide.

In the next game, Raonic's double-fault gave Pospisil what would be his only break point. But Raonic yanked that chance away with the serve that semifinal opponent Donald Young likened to a "Get out of jail free" card in the board game Monopoly. Raonic hit a 125 mph (202 kph) service winner, a 136 mph ace (219 kph), and a 132 mph (213 kph) service winner.

In all, Raonic hit nine aces, raising his total for the week to 83. He held 52 of 53 service games in the tournament. When Pospisil missed

a cross-court forehand to get broken and trail 4-1, he smacked a ball angrily, and it bounced into the stands.

Yes, Raonic is becoming an increasingly frustrating player to face. He did more than hit speedy serves Sunday. He received well, including a stinging backhand return winner off a 126 mph (203 kph) serve to earn his first break point. He volleyed well. He came up with the occasional passing winner when Pospisil ventured to the net.

Sunday's matchup was part of a recent surge for their country in tennis.

At Wimbledon, Raonic became Canada's first man in a Grand Slam semifinal, while Pospisil paired with Jack Sock of the U.S. to win the men's doubles title. Another Canadian, Eugenie Bouchard, was the women's runner-up. □

Wealth Managers Enlist Spy Tools to Map Portfolios

By QUENTIN HARDY

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. —

Some of the engineers who used to help the Central Intelligence Agency solve problems have moved on to another challenge: determining the value of every conceivable investment in the world.

Five years ago, they started a company called Addepar, with the aim of providing clear and reliable information about the increasingly complex assets inside pensions, investment funds and family fortunes. In much the way spies diagram a communications network, Addepar filters and weighs the relationships among billions of dollars of holdings to figure out whether a portfolio is about to crash.

Professional wealth managers are going to be seeing a lot more of big data. Last spring, Addepar raised a substantial sum to take this mainstream, and although it is not the only one bringing big data to a portfolio statement, its cast of characters sets it apart. "One of the most foundational questions in finance is 'What do I own, and what is all of this worth?'" said Eric Poirier, the chief executive of Addepar. "'What is my risk?' turns out to be an almost intractable problem."

Although the list of wealth managers who use Addepar is confidential, Mr. Poirier says it has already grown from people like Joe Lonsdale, its tech-billionaire founder, and Iconiq Capital, which manages some of the Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg's money, to include family offices, banks and investment managers at pension funds.

"In this state, some people are just getting wealthier," said Joseph J. Piazza, chairman and chief executive of Robertson Stephens L.L.C., a San Francisco investment adviser that manages about \$500 million using software from Addepar. Ten years ago, he said, "it might be a young entrepreneur with \$50 million. Now it could



Addepar's president, Karen White, and chief executive, Eric Poirier. The company charges from \$50,000 to over \$1 million for its services. Credit Peter DaSilva for The New York Times

be 10 times that, and they are thoughtful, bigger risk-takers."

Investing used to be a relatively simple world of stocks, bonds and cash, with perhaps some real estate. But deregulation, globalization and computers have meant more choices. For a wealthy person, this could mean derivatives, private equity, venture capital, overseas markets and a host of other choices, like collectibles and Bitcoin.

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And for all the computers on Wall Street's trading floors, a lot of money management is surprisingly old-fashioned. Venture capitalists may invest in cutting-edge technology, but they sometimes still send out quarterly reports on paper. Financial custodians, which hold securities for people, often have custom-built computer systems. That makes it hard to compare a trade at one with a trade at another.

"The market is much more complicated than it used to be," said David G. Tittsworth, president and chief executive of the Investment Adviser Association, a trade group of 550 registered firms. "The rich have bigger appetites for futures, commodities, alternative investments. There's a lot of demand for help-

ing them keep track of what their holdings actually are."

Mr. Poirier, 32, a New Hampshire native who started a coding business at 14 before heading to Columbia University, worked on analyzing fixed-income products at Lehman Brothers from 2003 to 2006, before that Wall Street firm collapsed from mismanagement of its own risk. "Trying to figure out a yield, I'd work with a dozen different computer systems, with different interactions that people didn't understand well," he said.

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He then took a job with Palantir Technologies, a company founded to enable military and intelligence agencies to make sense of disparate and incomplete data. He went on to build out Palantir's commercial business, managing risk for things like JPMorgan Chase's portfolio of subprime mortgages. There were plenty of parallels between the two worlds, but instead of agencies, spies and eavesdropping satellites, finance has markets, investment advisers and portfolios. Both worlds are full of custom software, making each analysis of a data set unique. It is hard to get a

single picture of anything like the truth.

Even a simple question like "How many shares of Apple do I own?" can be complicated, if some shares are held outright, some are inside a venture fund where the wealthy person is an investor and some are locked up in a company that Apple acquired.

Finance "was the same curve I encountered in the intelligence community," Mr. Poirier said. "How do you make sense of diverse information from diverse sources, when the answer depends on who is asking the question?"

The parallel was also evident to Mr. Lonsdale, a Palantir co-founder. From an earlier stint at PayPal, he had millions in cash and on paper is a billionaire from his Palantir holdings. He also knew lots of other young people in tech who could not make sense of what was happening to their money. "Wealth management is designed for the 1950s, not this century," he said.

Mr. Lonsdale left Palantir in 2009, starting Addepar with Jason Mirra, another Palantir employee, in 2009. "It didn't make sense for Palantir to hire 20 or 30 people to work in an area like this," Mr. Lonsdale said. Mr. Mirra is Addepar's chief technical officer. Mr. Poirier joined in early 2013 and became chief executive later that year. □

Google confirms it sold barge docked in Maine

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)

— Google Inc. is confirming that the so-called "Google barge" it docked in Maine has been sold.

The barge carries dozens of old shipping containers that were joined to create a four-story building. Google envisioned it as one of three floating retail stores.

The Portland Press Herald says an international company is buying the barge and taking it on an ocean voyage. Portland Harbor's deputy harbor master says the containers will be disassembled and scrapped. The barge first docked in Portland Harbor in October and moved to South Portland Wednesday.

A Portland city spokeswoman says the city received \$400,000 in state reimbursements while it docked there.

Google initially had little to say about the barges, leading to speculation about its intentions. It later revealed they were to be stores. One is moored in Stockton, California. □

Bull Market:

Fed's Goldilocks Economy Just Right for Stock Investors

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Two decades ago the notion of a Goldilocks economy was very much in vogue. It was a snappy way of saying that the economy was growing at a nice, steady pace - fast enough to create jobs but not so rapidly that it would lead to runaway inflation. As Robert B. Reich, then the secretary of labor, put it in a White House news conference in 1995, the United States at that moment was enjoying a Goldilocks recovery that was "not too hot, not too cold." Wall Street loved that formula, and the stock market boomed.

Much the same could have been said these days, although Goldilocks hasn't been invoked all that often to describe the recent environment. That may be because the Federal Reserve has been such a commanding presence that it has overshadowed everything else, Seth J. Masters, the chief investment officer of Bernstein Global Wealth Management, said in a telephone interview.

"It's as though Goldilocks entered the house of the three bears and found the porridge was being heated in a big microwave oven," he said. "Sure, it's just the right temperature inside, but there's a reason for it. It's hard not to focus on the microwave."

For several years now, Paul Hickey, co-founder of the Bespoke Investment Group, has been calling the current setup the "Bernanke-locks economy," because, in his view, stimulative policies begun under Ben Bernanke, the former Fed chairman, created a pleasant environment for stock investors. And Hickey said last week that Wednesday's Federal Reserve meeting showed that those policies hadn't changed under the current chairwoman, Janet L. Yellen.

"If anything, she's more dovish than Bernanke," he said. "The Fed is still on the

same track."

Whatever you call it, the benign economic environment has supported a bull market since 2009, and although there were a few rocky days last week, the main market ingredients seemed to remain in place.

For example, on Wednesday a government report on gross domestic product in the second quarter showed that the economy was growing smartly, even rapidly, at a 4 percent an-

the financial crisis started, and it's still buying more.

"The Fed remains a very big player in the bond market, and it will continue to pull down interest rates for a long time," Bill Stone, chief investment officer at PNC Wealth Management in Pittsburgh, said in a telephone interview.

The Fed also indicated that it expects to hold short-term rates near zero for "a considerable time," even if the jobs picture improves. On Friday, the Labor De-

corporate earnings continue to outpace the domestic economy as well as most Wall Street expectations. As of Thursday, with 71 percent of the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index reporting, more than 68 percent beat Wall Street estimates for the second quarter, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S, which projected that earnings per share grew at a 7 percent rate.

Put all of that together and

are stock valuations. One commonly used measure, the price-to-earnings ratio of stocks in the S&P 500, based on consensus earnings expectations, stands at 15.6, said Masters of Bernstein Global Wealth Management. Another common measure, the trailing 12-month P/E ratio, is 17.8, according to Bloomberg. Either way, those values are higher than they were five years ago, when stocks were something of a bargain, and the Fed said in mid-July that in certain pockets - biotech and small-cap stocks, for example - valuations are somewhat "stretched."

Masters said stocks are "fairly valued," especially with interest rates so low. Bond prices, which move in the opposite direction of interest rates, are, conversely, extraordinarily high, he said, and stocks look comparatively good.

"Stocks are extremely appealing because of bond yields and prices," he said. An unexpectedly sharp rise in inflation would upset this balance, however. To combat an inflation surge, the Fed would presumably need to raise interest rates abruptly, and the potential for stock market disruption would be high. In its statement last week, however, the Fed said, "There remains significant underutilization of labor resources" in the economy - an indication that it believes that wage inflation is unlikely for some time.

Then there's the ever-present possibility of a big external shock - say, a spiraling of oil prices set off by conflict in the Middle East or a recession arising from a violent conflict of major proportions. "We can't predict the occurrence of things like that, of course," said Stone of PNC Wealth Management. "That's the definition of a 'black swan' event. You don't know it's coming. You want to be diversified and safe in your investments in any case. But at the moment, we don't see anything like that on the horizon." □



Mobileye President & CEO Ziv Aviram, left, CFO Ofer Maharshak, center, and Chairman Amnon Shashua, clasp hands to ring a ceremonial bell as their company's IPO begins trading, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, Aug. 1, 2014.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

nualized rate; yet the Federal Reserve declared that inflation was low enough to allow the slowly moderating pace of its expansive monetary policy to remain on track.

In a statement Wednesday, the Federal Open Market Committee said the central bank would continue to ratchet down its bond purchases as planned, yet it also said its policies would "maintain downward pressure on longer-term interest rates, support mortgage markets, and help to make broader financial conditions more accommodative." The Fed already holds more than \$4 trillion in bonds, up from less than \$1 billion when

partment reported that 209,000 positions were created in July - the sixth consecutive month in which the figure topped 200,000. That hadn't happened since 1997.

In addition, although it's been rising lately, inflation remains within the 2 percent range that the Fed desires. The Fed's preferred inflation gauge - it's cursed with the bureaucratic name of "the core personal consumption expenditure deflator" - rose at a 2 percent annual rate in the second quarter, up from only 1.2 percent and 1.3 percent in the two previous quarters.

Furthermore, despite some disappointments, overall

despite a 2 percent drop in the S&P 500 on Thursday, many analysts like the chances that the bull market in stocks will keep running. "We're cautiously optimistic," KC Mathews, chief investment officer of UMB Bank in Kansas City, Missouri, said in an interview.

While a market correction - a drop of 10 percent or more - wouldn't be a surprise, he said, he expects the market to keep climbing. "Earnings are strong, interest rates are low, the economy is growing," he said. "There are problems, to be sure, but it seems likely that they can be managed."

Among those problems

STREET BRIEFS

Microsoft sues Samsung in new royalty dispute

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Microsoft said this weekend it is suing Samsung for threatening to stop paying Microsoft royalties for patents behind the Android operating system.

The two companies came to a deal in September 2011 to cross-license each other's patent portfolios. Samsung wound up paying Microsoft royalties on a series of patents.

Analyst Rick Sherlund of Nomura Securities has estimated royalties on its Android patents bring Microsoft nearly \$2 billion a year.

Microsoft, based in Redmond, Washington, says more than 25 companies are licensing the patents, including Samsung, Acer and ZTE, covering roughly 80 percent of the Android-based smartphones sold in the U.S.

In a blog post Friday, Microsoft Corp.'s deputy general counsel said Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. decided to breach its contract after Microsoft announced in September it was acquiring Nokia's devices business.

After initially refusing to pay royalties in the second year of the deal, Samsung made a late payment in November but did not add on interest, according to a redacted copy of the complaint filed in federal court in New York and provided by Microsoft.

The complaint also alleged that Samsung has asked South Korean competition authorities to change the contract to reduce or eliminate its payments to Microsoft. Samsung said in a statement, "We will review the complaint in detail and determine appropriate measures in response." □

Cloud revenue jumps, led by Microsoft and IBM

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The virtue of fear as a source of animating energy has long been recognized in the quicksilver tech industry. "Only the paranoid survive," as Andrew S. Grove, Intel's long-time leader, put it - a guiding principle that was also the title of his 1996 book on management.

The fear factor is clearly at work now in the fast-growing market for cloud computing. The latest quarterly reports from technology companies and market research show that two of the fastest movers in the emergent cloud business are the incumbent giants of traditional software, Microsoft and IBM. Their business is most at risk from the shift to computing delivered over the Internet from distant data centers, with the business model of a pay-for-use service rather than a product.

Microsoft's cloud revenue jumped 164 percent in the second quarter, while IBM's surged 86 percent, according to a report last week by the Synergy Research Group. Amazon is still way ahead, with \$962 million in cloud revenue, compared with \$370 million for Microsoft, and IBM's \$259 million, Synergy

estimates. But Amazon's growth rate, at 49 percent, was only slightly ahead of the torrid 45 percent pace of the cloud market as a whole. The progress by Microsoft and IBM was emphasized in the companies' quarterly financial reports and conference calls with analysts. "It's not

tech companies' strengths and weaknesses as well as a graphic plotting companies on two axes. Left-to-right placement in the graphic is based on "completeness of vision," and bottom-to-top placement shows "ability to execute." "Leaders" are in the upper-right quadrant of the

up, and its own internal investment, it has moved sharply to the right, and higher, though it is not yet in the leaders area - the vision is strong, according to Gartner, but the execution still lags a bit.

Microsoft has moved up and to the right this year, into the leaders area. Last



Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella gestures while speaking during a press briefing on the intersection of cloud and mobile computing in San Francisco.

(AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

just talk - they are backing it up with a lot of investment," said John Dinsdale, an analyst at Synergy. The so-called magic quadrant reports by Gartner, a technology research firm, are closely followed by tech suppliers and their corporate customers. The reports include assessments of

graphic, while "niche players" are consigned to the lower left.

In Gartner's report last year on basic cloud services, IBM was among the niche players (and in 2012, it wasn't even included as a player at all). This year, helped by the acquisition of SoftLayer, a cloud start-

year, Gartner positioned Microsoft about where IBM is this year.

Amazon is still the star in Gartner's chart of the cloud industry, some distance above Microsoft, the only other company in the leaders quadrant, among 15 companies Gartner included in the report. □

Berkshire Hathaway 2Q profit jumps 41 percent

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Warren Buffett's company this weekend reported a 41 percent jump in its second-quarter profit that was boosted by a paper gain from a stock-swap deal completed earlier this year. But even without the big investment gains, Berkshire Hathaway Inc. reported solid performances at most of its 80-odd subsidiaries, which include BNSF railroad and Geico insurance. Berkshire said its overall net income grew to \$6.4 billion, or \$3,889 per Class A share. That's up from \$4.54 billion, or \$2,763 per Class A share, in the same quarter a year ago. Berkshire's revenue improved 11 percent to \$49.76 billion from last

year's \$44.69 billion.

Berkshire agreed earlier this year to acquire a Miami-based TV station from Graham Holdings Co. in exchange for most of its shares in the company that once owned The Washington Post. As part of that deal, Berkshire and Graham Holdings exchanged assets worth roughly \$1.1 billion. Berkshire recorded a \$1.1 billion gain in the second quarter because that's when it took ownership of the WPLG television station and completed the exchange.

Buffett urges investors to pay more attention to the company's operating earnings because they exclude the swings in the value of investments and derivatives, which can

vary greatly from quarter to quarter. Berkshire's operating earnings improved 11 percent to \$4.3 billion, or \$2,634 per Class A share. Four analysts surveyed by FactSet expected Berkshire to report operating earnings per Class A share of \$2,485.21.

Berkshire officials do not typically comment on their quarterly earnings reports, and they did not immediately respond to an interview request on Friday.

Berkshire finished the second quarter with more than \$55 billion cash on hand, so Buffett has the resources for another big acquisition if he finds an attractive target.

"He's piling up cash, so he must not see any real bargains out there," said

Andy Kilpatrick, author of "Of Permanent Value: The Story of Warren Buffett."

Edward Jones analyst Jim Shanahan, whose firm has a "Buy" rating on Berkshire's stock, said the company's solid quarter is a sign that the overall economy continues growing.

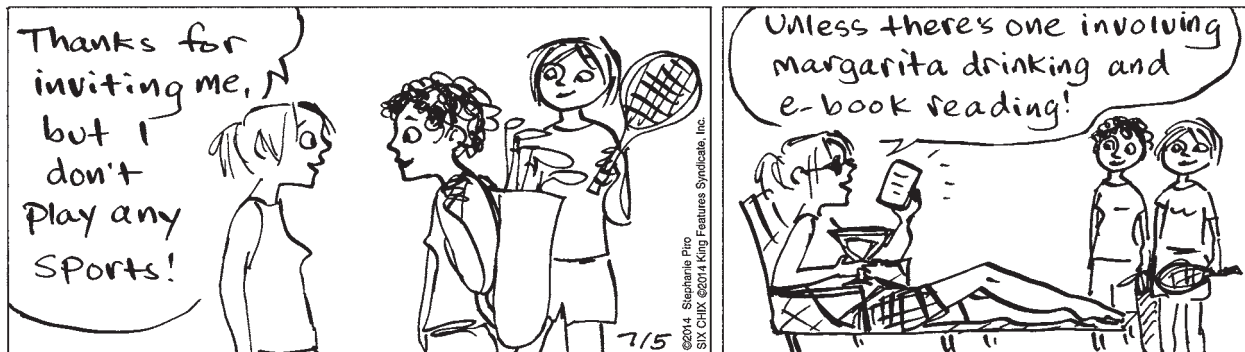
"It sure does highlight the value of owning a diversified portfolio of businesses," Shanahan said.

BNSF railroad has been an important contributor to Berkshire's profits ever since it was acquired. Even though the railroad has been dealing with delays and service problems in the upper Great Plains, BNSF still contributed \$916 million to Berkshire's net income, up from \$884 million a year ago. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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internship

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ICM officials declined to discuss the case, pointing to their legal papers, which argue that Behzadi's "claims must be adjudicated in arbitration - and only in arbitration." The legal papers note that the arbitration agreement she signed said she was waiving her rights to have any claim "decided by a court or in a jury trial."

Bien argued that the case should not be forced into arbitration, saying that arbitration is usually secret and enables companies' misdeeds to be swept under the rug. She argued that the arbitration agreement signed in November 2012 should not cover Behzadi's work as an unpaid intern months before.

It is an overreach, Bien said, "to try to reach back and extend the arbitration agreement which was to cover

claims arising when she was a regular employee to cover her time as an unpaid intern."

"I would have loved to have been paid," said Behzadi, 24, who will enroll this September in the MBA program at the University of Buffalo. "Unpaid internships are almost an acceptable thing in the industry - there were 100 other people who wanted my internship. If I voiced grievances about not getting paid, I would have been bumped out and that would leave me nowhere, with little chance of finding work in the industry."

ICM said its "academic internships" were coveted, with more than 300 people applying a year and only 10 to 15 percent of applicants being given internships. "I want to raise awareness on what goes on in unpaid internships," Behzadi said. "What we're doing is comparable to what paid employees are doing." □

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China bladder trade sending porpoise to extinction

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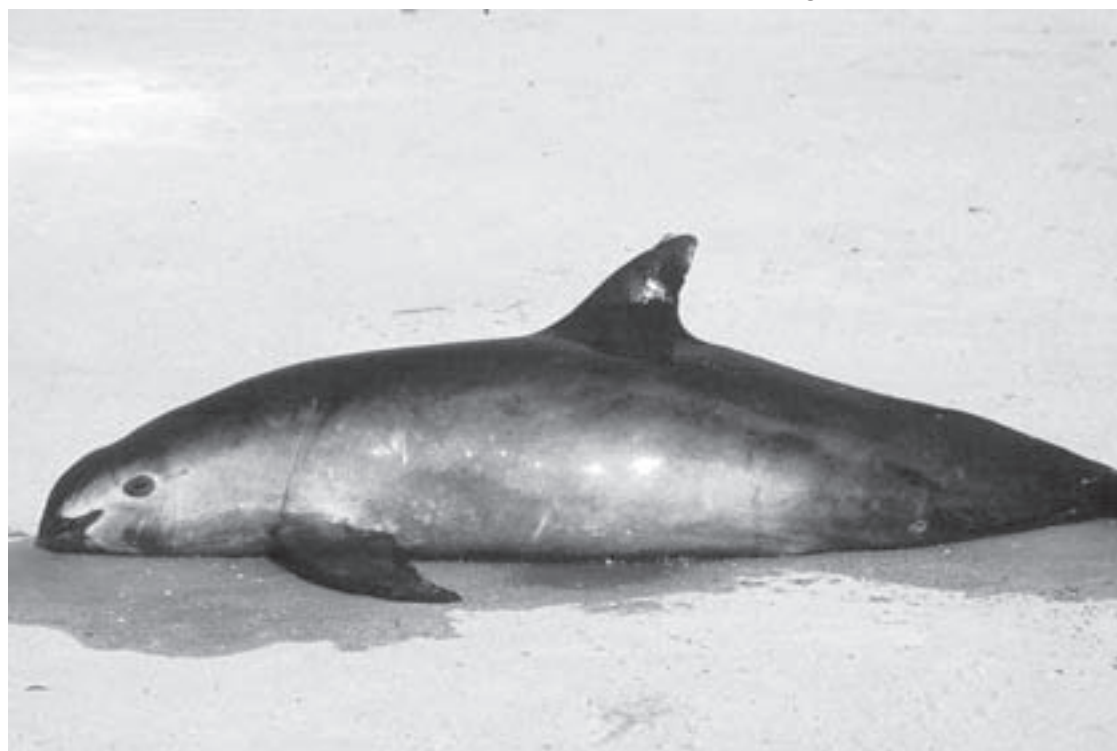
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Gillnet fishing in the upper Sea of Cortez has pushed the vaquita marina, the world's smallest porpoise, to the brink of extinction, according to an environmental report published Friday which states fewer than 100 of them are believed left.

Despite nearly two decades of efforts by Mexico to save the vaquita, new studies using underwater listening devices found only half as many porpoises as were counted in 2012. Experts believe fewer than 25 of the remaining vaquitas are reproductively mature females.

If left unchecked, gillnet fishing and China's insatiable appetite for the swim bladder of the totoaba — another endangered fish hunted in the same area — may seal the fate of the tiny porpoise, according to the report from the International Committee for the Recovery of the Vaquita. "If there is fishing for totoaba this September, the vaquita might disappear this year," said Omar Vidal of the World Wildlife Fund. "Totoaba nets are the best device to catch vaquitas." The vaquita porpoise lives in just one place: the upper waters of the sea — also called the Gulf of California — between the Baja California Peninsula and mainland Mexico. They were discovered only in 1958, according to the World Wildlife Fund, and now are considered critically endangered.

Fishery restrictions implemented in Colorado River delta have failed to protect the species, in part

because of illegal gillnet fishing for totoaba, a huge, heavy fish whose swim bladder is prized by chefs in China, according to the vaquita recovery committee, which is made up of international experts con-



In this undated file photo released by Proyecto Vaquita, a porpoise lies dead on a beach at the Gulf of California. **Associated Press**

vened by the Mexican government.

The number of vaquitas counted has dropped steadily since around 2010, when Mexican authorities also noticed an uptick in illegal fishing for totoaba, which is similar to the Chinese bahaba that has been fished almost out of existence.

The bladder of the totoaba is prized by Chinese chefs, who use it to make soups and other dishes. According to the Smithsonian Institution's website, one totoaba bladder can attract a \$5,000 payoff in the United States, and more than \$10,000 in Asia. "It's aquatic cocaine," said Jay Barlow, a marine mammal expert at the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "With two days of fishing, you can buy a new pickup truck."

In 2013 alone, Mexican regulators seized illegal totoaba bladders worth an

estimated \$2.25 million. The committee report said the U.S. must play a role, noting "thousands of swim bladders are dried and smuggled out of Mexico, often through the United States. The remainder of the fish is left to rot on the beach."

"The governments of the United States and China must help Mexico eliminate the illegal trade in totoaba products," the report continued. "Unless these steps are taken immediately, the vaquita will follow the Yangtze River dolphin into oblivion and become the

second species of whale, dolphin or porpoise driven to extinction in human history."

The Chinese river dolphin, which disappeared in 2006, had more challenging problems, Barlow said,

such as severe pollution, overfishing and shipping traffic along the Yangtze. "It was just a total ecological mess," he said. The northern Sea of Cortez, however, "is relatively pristine and the only thing that's preventing the (vaquita) species from surviving is gillnetting."

The committee urgently recommended extending a total ban on using, possessing or transporting gillnets in the western corner of the upper Sea of Cortez, west of Puerto Penasco. Gillnets have fine mesh and no exclusionary devices of the

kind that allow by-catch to escape. They're very large, and often are left out for days, catching everything that swims by. Worse, because the totoaba is protected and fishing for it is illegal, the nets often are strung up surreptitiously at night and left unattended, increasing the potential of catching unintended species.

The report recommended exploring other ways to keep area fishermen employed. It also said the gillnet ban might have to be enforced in fishing towns beyond the vaquita habitat area.

Barlow noted that gillnets are so long and so frequently used in the upper gulf that they sometimes cover the water surface, impeding the use of "small trawl" shrimping boats that, because of their noisy motors and smaller nets, seldom catch vaquitas.

Barlow said "I do believe the species can be saved, but only with emergency action."

Capturing vaquitas to breed them in captivity isn't an option, the report concluded, because it would not be feasible to capture or hold a sufficient number of them to develop a captive breeding program. Furthermore, with so few vaquitas spread over such a wide area, chasing down and catching them would risk killing off the few remaining individuals.

"They would probably die in the attempt" to capture them, Vidal said. □

Rare whale fossil pulled from California backyard

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Associated Press

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, California (AP) — A rare whale fossil has been pulled from a Southern California backyard.

Paleontologist Howell Thomas of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County says the 16- to 17-million-year-old baleen

whale fossil is one of about 20 baleen whale fossils known to exist.

The fossil, lodged in 1,000-pound (454-kilogram) rock, was hoisted from a ravine by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department search-and-rescue volunteers. Using pulleys and a steel trolley, crews pulled the fossil up a steep

backyard slope and into a truck bound for the museum.

The fossil was discovered by 53-year-old Gary Johnson when he was a teen exploring the creek behind his family's home. Johnson called Thomas after a whale fossil was recovered in January at a nearby school. □



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Got a beef with television? Why not sue somebody?

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Republicans in the House of Representatives say they want to sue President Barack Obama.

Without taking sides, I want to say I find this Beltway brawl's latest round to be inspiring. While the TV universe hardly compares to affairs of state, I'm moved to sue a few people myself (or think about it, anyway). - For starters, is there someone I can sue to get rid of all those commercials for gold? Reverse mortgages? Personal-injury lawyers?

- Maybe I'll sue the couples on HGTV's "House Hunters," or the huge percentage of them who demand granite countertops in any kitchen they approve. Isn't there a danger that their clamoring for granite countertops could spark a craze for granite countertops among all "House Hunters" fans, with a resulting run on granite and skyrocketing prices? Wouldn't that be followed by granite quarries stripped bare and, with no granite left, granite quarries thrown out of work, thus losing their granite-countertop-kitchen homes? We must halt such granite mania with a lawsuit that requires house hunters to accept tile, marble or Formica, for every home owner's good.

- Another worthy target of a lawsuit: Stephen Colbert. I might just sue him for abandonment in anticipation of his bolting to CBS next year to host the "Late Show." With that move, he says, he will revert to his own real-life personality and scuttle the "Stephen Colbert" character who for nearly a decade has presided over Comedy Central's "Colbert Report."

That will mean the end of the self-satisfied blowhard whose lamebrain pronouncements, decoded for their ironic intent, have served as some of TV's shrewdest analysis of current events. And for anyone who mistakenly ad-

mires him as a kindred spirit of the Fox News Channel ethos that he parodies, it will be nothing less than the loss of a national hero.

- I will be considering a restraining order against NBC's Brian Williams, requiring him to stay at least 50 feet from any telecast that isn't news. Doesn't it seem like Williams is forever popping up on talk shows, TV tributes or anywhere else a lens is focused? He makes TV appearances even without meaning to. Like in June on "The Tonight Show," when Jimmy Fallon premiered the latest mash-up of the NBC News anchor, this time rapping Sir Mix-a-Lot's "Baby Got Back."

In July, Williams was a guest on NBC's "Late Night with Seth Meyers." He's a frequent guest on David Letterman's "Late Show" (or at least he made an appearance, not his first, in January). And everybody knows how often he drops in on Comedy Central's "Daily Show With Jon Stewart." (Actually, I don't know how often, but I feel like it's lots.) Shouldn't Williams be spending more time with his family? And I don't mean volunteering to play one of the pirates during daughter Allison's star turn in "Peter Pan." I'm concerned he might suffer from overexposure!

- Quite the opposite is the case for the targets of another of my possible lawsuits: the purveyors of such shows as Discovery's "Naked and Afraid," VH1's "Dating Naked" and TLC's "Buying Naked." Shouldn't they be cited for indecent (TV) exposure?

This bare-bones approach to programming seems likely to denude the TV landscape. What's next: "Naked Meet the Press"? "Naked Iron Chef"? "Naked Ice Road Truckers"? "Naked Biggest Loser"? Left unchecked, such a sight could drive viewers to seek refuge in radio.

Hmmm. Who in radio could I possibly sue? □



This April 4, 2012 file photo shows NBC News' Brian Williams, at the premiere of the HBO original series "Girls," in New York. Associated Press

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Marvel's 'Guardians' rockets to top of box office

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

"Guardians of the Galaxy" blasted past expectations at the weekend box office. Marvel Studios' cosmic romp starring Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana and Dave Bautista as members of an intergalactic band of rebels earned \$94 million in its debut weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. Ahead of its Friday debut, box office analysts initially projected that the comic book adaptation would earn between \$60 million and \$75 million in North America.

The out-of-this-world launch gives "Guardians" the biggest opening for a film released in the traditionally low-key month of August, a record previously held by the \$69.2 million debut of 2007's "The Bourne Ultimatum." It also makes "Guardians" the third largest opening of 2014, coming behind the



This image released by Disney - Marvel shows, from left, Zoe Saldana, the character Rocket Raccoon, voiced by Bradley Cooper, Chris Pratt, the character Groot, voiced by Vin Diesel and Dave Bautista in a scene from "Guardians of the Galaxy." The movie releases on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. Associated Press

\$95 million inauguration of "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" in April and the \$100 million launch of "Transformers: Age of Extinction" in June.

"Guardians," which also features Bradley Cooper and Vin Diesel voicing the computer-generated characters Rocket Raccoon and Groot, was originally considered a risky proposition for Marvel and

"Guardians" distributor Walt Disney Co. because it features more obscure characters from the Marvel universe and is set almost entirely in outer space.

Despite any apprehension, Marvel was betting on "Guardians," written and directed by "Slither" filmmaker James Gunn, to be a blockbuster. The studio announced at Comic-Con in San Diego last month

that a sequel is already set for release in 2017. Marvel's next films are the follow-up "The Avengers: Age of Ultron" and "Ant-Man" starring Paul Rudd and Michael Douglas. Both movies are coming in 2015. Marvel comic book adaptations have dominated 2014 with Sony Pictures' "The Amazing Spider-Man 2," 20th Century Fox's "X-Men: Days of Future Past" and Marvel Studios' "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" each arriving in first place at the box office on their respective opening weekends.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at Rentrak, believes Marvel is unstoppable at this point.

"This is a brand that transcends any character within their universe," he said. "The mere mention of the name Marvel is enough to get people into the movie theater. That's somewhat rare. Pixar obviously has a similar cachet, but for Mar-

vel to have four films this year open with over \$90 million is amazing. It's unprecedented success."

Disney noted that "Guardians" hauled in an additional \$66.4 million from 42 international territories, including Russia, Mexico, Brazil, South Korea and the United Kingdom, making it the first-place film overseas. "Guardians" is scheduled to land in such markets as Australia, India and Columbia next weekend.

In a distant second place at the North American box office, "Lucy," starring Scarlett Johansson as a woman with mind-bending powers, nabbed \$18.3 million in its second weekend, bringing the Universal Pictures release's domestic total to \$80 million.

Meanwhile, Universal's James Brown biopic "Get on Up" featuring Chadwick Boseman as the soulful singer opened in third place with \$14 million. □

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Our Blind Spot About Guns



NICHOLAS KRISTOF

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If we had the same auto fatality rate today that we had in 1921, by my calculations we would have 715,000 Americans dying annually in vehicle accidents. Instead, we've reduced the fatality rate by more than 95 percent - not by confiscating cars, but by regulating them and their drivers sensibly.

We could have said, "Cars don't kill people. People kill people," and there would have been an element of truth to that. Many accidents are a result of alcohol consumption, speeding, road rage or driver distraction. Or we could have said, "It's pointless because even if you regulate cars, then people will just run each other down with bicycles," and that, too, would have been partly true.

Yet, instead, we built a system that protects us from ourselves. This saves hundreds of thousands of lives a year and is a model of what we should do with guns in America.

Whenever I write about the need for sensible regulation of guns, some readers jeer: Cars kill people, too, so why not ban cars? Why are you so hypocritical as to try to take away guns from law-abiding people when you don't seize cars?

That question is a reflection of our national blind spot about guns. The truth is that we regulate cars quite intelligently, instituting evidence-based measures to reduce fatalities. Yet the gun lobby is too strong, or our politicians too craven, to do the same for guns. So guns and cars now each kill more than 30,000 in America every year. One constraint, the argument goes, is the Second Amendment. Yet the paradox is that a bit more than a century ago, there was no universally recognized individual right to bear arms in the United States, but there was widely believed to be a "right to travel" that allowed people to drive cars without regulation.

A court struck down an early attempt to require driver's licenses, and initial attempts to set speed limits or register vehicles were met with resistance and ridicule. When authorities in New York City sought in 1899 to ban horseless carriages in the parks, the idea was lambasted in The New York Times as "devoid of merit" and "impossible to maintain."

Yet, over time, it became increasingly obvious that cars were killing and maiming people, as well as scaring horses and causing accidents. As a distinguished former congressman, Robert Cousins, put it in 1910: "Pedestrians are menaced every minute of the days and nights by a wanton recklessness of speed, crippling and killing people at a rate that is appalling."

Courts and editorial writers alike saw the carnage and agreed that something must be done. By the 1920s, courts routinely accepted driver's license requirements, car registration and other safety measures.

That continued in recent decades with requirements of seatbelts and air bags, padded dashboards and better bumpers. We cracked down on drunken drivers and instituted graduated licensing for young people, while also improving road engineering to reduce accidents. The upshot is that there is now just over 1 car fatality per 100 million miles driven.

Yet as we've learned to treat cars intelligently, we've gone in the opposite direction with guns. In his terrific new book, "The Second Amendment: A Biography," Michael Waldman, the president of the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law, notes that "gun control laws were ubiquitous" in the 19th century. Visitors to Wichita, Kansas, for example, were required to check their revolvers at police headquarters.

And Dodge City, symbol of the Wild West? A photo shows a sign on the main street in 1879 warning: "The Carrying of Fire Arms Strictly Prohibited."

The National Rifle Association supported reasonable gun control for most of its history and didn't even oppose the landmark Gun Control Act of 1968. But, since then, most attempts at safety regulation have stalled or gone backward, and that makes the example of cars instructive.

"We didn't ban cars, or send black helicopters to confiscate them," notes Waldman. "We made cars safer: air bags, seatbelts, increasing the drinking age, lowering the speed limit. There are similar technological and behavioral fixes that can ease the toll of gun violence, from expanded background checks to trigger locks to smart guns that recognize a thumbprint, just like my iPhone does." Some of these should be doable. A Quinnipiac poll this month found 92 percent support for background checks for all gun buyers.

These steps won't eliminate gun deaths any more than seatbelts eliminate auto deaths. But if a combination of measures could reduce the toll by one-third, that would be 10,000 lives saved every year.

A century ago, we reacted to deaths and injuries from unregulated vehicles by imposing sensible safety measures that have saved hundreds of thousands of lives a year. Why can't we ask politicians to be just as rational about guns? □



None Dare Call It Impeachment



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Let's talk about something cheerful. How about impeachment?

Hey, it's been a depressing month for news. If you want to look on the bright side, you've got to work with what you've got.

The possibility of actual impeachment is not something that keeps Barack Obama up at night. Modern history suggests there's nothing Congress could do that the American public would hate more. Yet impeachment talk has been bounding around the Republican right for ages. The South Dakota Republican Party passed a resolution calling for impeachment at their annual convention this year. (We all know the famous saying: "As South Dakota goes, so goes North Dakota.") Sarah Palin brings up impeachment virtually every day. Some members of Congress use it to energize the crazy base.

For instance, Rep. Ted Yoho of Florida once posted a list of arguments for impeachment on his campaign website. I am mentioning this in part because it's always fun to write "Ted Yoho." Also because I don't think I've ever had an opportunity to note that during his previous election season, Ted Yoho told a church group that he wished the right to vote was limited to property owners.

Last week, the Democrats start-

ed picking up the impeachment banner in the form of pretending to take the Republican threats seriously. White House senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer said it would be "foolish to discount the possibility." Democratic fundraisers sent out warnings of impending impeachment danger to their own base and were tickled by the enthusiastic response.

Now, Republican leaders are desperately trying to change the subject. House Speaker John Boehner called impeachment talk "a scam started by Democrats at the White House." Karl Rove claimed Obama was trying to create a "constitutional crisis where none exists."

"Do you think anyone in Washington in the GOP is serious about impeachment?" demanded radio host Glenn Beck. "Do you think one person? Have you spoken to one person? No one. So who wants it? The president does." Actually, as Kendall Breitman pointed out in Politico, Beck had called for impeachment his very own self about a year earlier.

Meanwhile, in the House of Representatives, the majority party was busy showing the nation its serious side by voting to sue Obama for violating the Constitution. Look, everybody has their own way of demonstrating that they're sticking to the business at hand. Republicans are upset about the president's attempt to deal with problems by executive order when Congress fails to address them with legislation. Obama's record when it comes to executive orders is actually rather paltry compared with some of his Republican predecessors. Nevertheless, the Republicans have many, many complaints, all of which involve mention of the Founding Fathers.

You could not help but suspect that if Boehner had it to do all over again, he'd never have brought this idea up. Democrats cheerfully urged a really, really long debate on the subject, but the Republican-dominated Rules Committee decided that the whole thing should be dispatched with as quickly

as possible. So fast, in fact, that it gave the lawsuit against the president the same debate time as a bill on deregulating pesticides.

The Republicans focused on - yes! - the Founding Fathers. It was, said Rep. Candice Miller of Michigan, a battle against "tyranny, Mr. Speaker. Tyranny." She is the leader of the Committee on House Administration, the only woman to lead a House committee under the current leadership. We will not dwell on the fact that Miller's committee is basically in charge of house-keeping.

Meanwhile, the Democrats kept bringing up the I-word. "I sincerely believe that you are trying to set the stage for a despicable impeachment proceeding," said Rep. G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina. Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas, the House Rules chairman, denied that suing the president was a step on the slippery slope to impeachment. He did that by defending the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, which was, of course, so exceedingly successful that Clinton now is the most popular individual in the nation except perhaps for Boo the World's Cutest Dog and the hamster that eats tiny burritos. Rather than suing the president for everything he's ever done, the Republicans tried to improve their legal prospects by picking a particular executive order. They settled on the one postponing enforcement of part of Obamacare that requires businesses to provide health coverage for their employees. "Are you willing to let any president choose what laws to execute and what laws to change?" demanded Boehner.

"Not a single one of them voted for the Affordable Care Act," said Louise Slaughter, the top Democrat on the House Rules Committee. "They spent \$ 79 million holding votes to kill it. And now they're going to sue him for not implementing it fast enough."

We will look back on this moment in Washington as The Week That Irony Died. □

In Germany;

Militarism and Humiliation Cast a Century-Long Shadow

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KIEL, Germany - On June 28, 1914, Kaiser Wilhelm II was preparing to indulge in a favorite pastime: racing his yacht, Meteor, at a regatta that is still held each year in this seafaring stronghold.

When he learned of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Hapsburg Empire, he hastened to Berlin. But he quickly returned to this Baltic Sea port, on which he lavished much money and time in his frantic race to match or outdo British naval might.

In many ways, Kiel epitomized Germany's rapid industrialization and militarization from 1870 to 1914, under Otto von Bismarck and then the kaiser. Numbers alone tell a story: In 1870, as Bismarck unified Germany, Kiel had about 30,000 inhabitants. By Aug. 3, 1914, when Germany declared war on France, Kiel's population exceeded 227,000.

Four years later, Kiel bore witness to the depths of German defeat. A sailors' rebellion that started here spread nationwide and helped force the abdication of the kaiser in November 1918. The next year, rather than let the Imperial Fleet fall to the enemy, German commanders off Scotland scuttled 52 of the fleet's 74 vessels. Under the Treaty of Versailles, the proud navy was limited to just a few ships and 15,000 men - far fewer than the 35,000 German sailors who had perished in World War I.

Might, militarism and humiliation: These are the memories that make Germans today reluctant to project their clout as, once again, Europe's economic powerhouse. One hundred years on from World War I, German leadership in Europe is both desired and resented, a historically rooted ambivalence that is keenly felt by the Germans and by their wary neighbors.

Most Germans remain reluctant to see their country's force deployed in any

way commensurate with its economic heft. But this abstention from military action does not mean that Germany is not throwing its weight around.

During the European debt crisis, Chancellor Angela Merkel demonstrated that no solution was possible without Germany's helping hugely to pay for it. She brooked little criticism and brushed aside anti-German sentiment as she pushed to impose austerity on supposedly profligate

the occasion with 80 exhibitions, and with countless discussions and seminars. "The Sleepwalkers," Christopher Clark's chunky history of how Europe went to war in 1914, is a best-seller and its author a coveted guest for centenary discussions.

In Kiel, the imperial stamp always lingered. A statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I on horseback adorns a central park. The Kiel Canal, an important waterway linking the North and Baltic Seas,

with its groundbreaking armament of big guns. Wilhelm and top members of his navy and government responded with plans to build two dreadnoughts and one battle cruiser per year, as well as to dredge and widen the Kiel Canal so the large new vessels could use it.

Four battle cruisers were produced in Kiel from 1907 to 1910. Naval spending rose steadily at least until 1912, when military commanders came to consider

U-boats, which were responsible for the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915, a disaster that eventually helped draw the United States into Europe's Great War.

Shipbuilding resumed at a furious pace after Hitler came to power. That made Kiel a target for Allied bombs; by 1945, 80 percent of the city had been destroyed.

Today, a local art historian, Jens Rönau, runs the bunker as an alternative arts and conference center with a goal of teaching peace and how to avoid future wars.

In May, about 150 people spent two days on what Uta Körby, a 69-year-old Kiel native working to draw attention to the Nazi past, calls "Battleground: History."

The location was the memorial built for the World War I sailors. It is a tower and flamelike structure of reinforced concrete with an outer layer of north German brick, soaring nearly 300 feet above the coast at Laboe, where Kiel Sound meets the open sea. It was designed in 1927, but finished and opened only in 1936, when Kiel hosted the sailing events in the Olympics. Hitler attended but did not speak.

Instead, the Nazis left their mark in a subterranean memorial hall with a demand: "Bare your head and be silent!" Exiting up one staircase, today's visitors confront a 1936 glass tableau of sailors' lives on ship and shore, in which a still-discernible swastika has replaced the sun.

For Jann M. Witt - the historian of the German Naval Association, which looks after the memorial - the meaning of the place is clear: It was designed to glorify the German navy and its victims in World War I. When the British, whose bombs had left the memorial unscathed, returned it to the association in 1954, the Germans decided that it would be for all their naval victims in the two world wars, "and our dead adversaries." □



A statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I on horseback at a central park in Kiel, a port city that epitomized Germany's rapid industrialization and militarization before 1914, on June 10, 2014. A century after World War I began, German leadership in Europe is both desired and resented, an ambivalence keenly felt by both the Germans and their wary neighbors.

(Tomas Munita/The New York Times)

European neighbors.

Today, with nationalism and populism on the rise in Europe, Merkel is central in trying to untangle a tussle over European leadership that may hasten a British exit from the European Union, and she faces demands from two other major partners, France and Italy, to relax stringent budgetary demands.

In Germany, the enormity of Nazi crimes in World War II tends to overshadow World War I, which consumed more than 37 million lives, including those wounded and missing, and four empires. The 100th anniversary has reminded Germans that Hitler and his supporters bore deep scars from the country's catastrophic defeat in 1918.

Germans are observing

was named after Wilhelm II when it opened in 1895. Outsize paintings of the opening still stare down at the regal Kiel Yacht Club. Paradoxically, it was development on land that helped bolster the importance of this natural deep-sea port. By the time of Bismarck, the growth of railways had brought goods and people to Kiel from all over Germany and enabled the delivery of imports throughout the newly unified country. Later, shipyards that had produced Germany's first submarine in 1851 were central to Wilhelm II's naval race with Britain.

After 1900, Wilhelm poured torrents of money into the German navy. In 1906, Britain's Royal Navy took delivery of HMS Dreadnought,

a land war more likely.

Britain and France were alarmed by Wilhelm's ambition. Britain's determination to keep its navy supreme only heightened German anxieties, already running high because the kaiser felt beleaguered on two fronts. The huge Russian army ensured that his perceived foes had more men under arms than Germany and its Austro-Hungarian allies could muster. By the time war broke out in 1914, the German navy had 22 pre-dreadnought ships, 14 dreadnoughts and four battle cruisers.

Three more warships were completed by November 1914, and construction continued throughout the war. Naval historians, however, tend to accord more significance to Germany's